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Roller Rifles awe reunion goers

The Roller Rifles march again on the AMA Parade Grounds. **Tom DelValle, `73**, put together the drill team which had its premier performance during Reunion 2005 on a cloudy and threatening day in Fort Defiance. The unit was commanded by **Doug Pennock, `72**. More photos inside.

*Photo by **Bob Walton, `65***

Ramblings and remembrances about the reunion

By Chris Meek, Class of 1984

Wow, what a reunion! It was very difficult not to fight back a tear or two watching the Roller Rifles marching on our field again. The Rifles still could put practiced competition to shame. I do have to admit that the timing was a little off, but for one day of practice after all those years, they were pretty damned good. And that one ninth grader from Massanutten did OK, didn't he? He could have made one hell of an AMA cadet. That being said, we still held our own in the knockout drill. Amazing after all these years that drill never leaves your blood.

It make me wonder where we go from here. The news that the barracks is structurally sound, although cosmetically it may seem otherwise, was wonderful. Better news was that the Pentecostal Church is going to refurbish it! Still, as was sadly brought up time and time again, there are no longer new alumni from Augusta Military Academy. How does AMA live on if we are not here to preserve it?

Sure, we have the museum, but who is going to man it? The current volunteer corps is not getting any younger. We need to infuse younger blood into the organization! Where are my classmates? Where are the members of the Classes from 1980 through 1984? Hey, we had it tough during those years, but what generation didn't have its share of hardships? Unfortunately,

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Colonel Rutland Beard, `42, three war hero
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African American cadets at AMA
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Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc.

June 2005

Dear Fellow Alumnus,

Reunion 2005 was one of the best. In fact, many were overheard saying it was the best Reunion ever.....I agree !! The attendance was higher than last year, the weather primarily cooperated and we had a lot of first timers. There were many highlights of the weekend, but four events stand out as being a little more dynamic than usual. Before I list them, know that I feel every event was very special, well planned and executed.

Here are my weekend highlights: The trip to Appomattox was very impressive....the Saturday morning dedication of the Interstate Signs was a milestone for our future.....the Saturday afternoon presentation of AMA's History entitled *"Till there are only two of us"* was worthy of the highest award known to mankind and the exhibition by the resurrected Roller Rifles was a sight to behold.

Pride, Patriotism and Honor filled the weekend. It was a reunion I'll never forget. A well deserved" Thank You" to all who give their time and energy to make our Augusta a special place and for helping orchestrate the annual Reunions. This includes the United Pentecostal Church for their support and understanding of our heritage. Wasn't it terrific to hear their superintendent say "These grounds will always be known as Augusta Military Academy"?

Frank Williamson, '60, has been like a rock these past few years in his role as Vice President of the AMA Alumni Association and Reunion Chair. His leadership, work ethic and "can do" attitude have served us well. Frank is the epitome of a dedicated alumnus. During the General Membership Meeting Saturday morning, Frank resigned as our Vice President but states he'll still be involved and won't desert us. Frank, we appreciate all you have done for us, we're better because of you! **Luke Snyder, `60**, was elected as the new vice president and reunion chair and we know Luke will do a fine job. A few other changes on the Alumni Board are detailed in this issue of the *Bayonet*.

Clyde Ramsey, `49**, has resigned as our secretary because of some health problems which we hope will be quickly resolved so we can see him back for Reunion 2006. We cannot thank him enough for his many years of faithful service. He hasn't missed a board meeting since 1994! **Steve Trent, `70, will take his place. And **John Hash, `75,** resigned as treasurer but will remain on the board. He took the job four years ago and has worked with the Foundation and the Association as these new entities were formed. Thank you, John, and thanks to **Bob Harris, `54**, for agreeing to take the treasurer's job bringing with him advanced accounting procedures for our organizations.

Visitors continue to flock to the AMA Alumni Museum. So far this year from January thru May 2005, we've hosted more than 700 visitors. VERY IMPRESSIVE !!!! As you're probably thinking, this requires man hours and money...both of which we have never had too much. Please volunteer your time and make whatever contributions you can to: Keep our Scholarships healthy; see that our *Bayonet* is well funded and help assure that our Museum is well manned and in good repair.

My very best to all AMA Alumni and friends. Thanks again to all the volunteers that work endlessly to make AMA a special place. Have a safe and healthy summer. Remember, it's always the right time to help AMA....and it's never too early to start making plans for next year's reunion April 27, 28 & 29, 2006.

Garry Granger, `71
President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.

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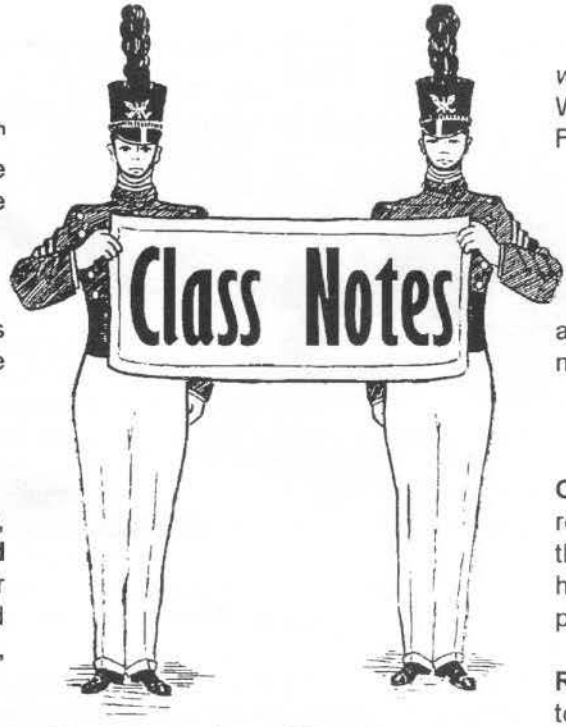

1935
(JULIAN QUARLES)

George Adam was back for his 70th reunion and said he thought it was the best planned and executed event he had seen in half a century attending meetings and conferences. George lives in Webster, TX. We are sorry to report that his dear wife has Alzheimer's Disease. Our thoughts are with you, George.

1939
(NONE)

Mel Alper lost his brother. **Mort, `42,** recently. (See *Taps*) **Colonel Rutland Beard, `43**, visited with Mel after Mort's death and said they talked warmly about the late **Mickey Gordon, `39**, and **Curtis Walker, `39**.

1942
(RUTLAND BEARD)

Colonel Rutland Beard and **Angus Hines** attended the reunion and found plenty of opportunities to talk about old times.

[Beard - BEARD368@aol.com]
[Hines - angushines@aol.com]

1944
(NONE)

Dr. Don Elston and Shirley attended their third consecutive reunion coming all the way from Flagstaff, Arizona. It is always good to see their smiling faces!

[delston@earthlink.net]

1946
(NONE)

Dr. Bob Lappin lives in Palm Beach Gardens in the winter and Mashpee, Massachssetts in the summer. His present address: 31 Wheelhouse Lane, Mashpee, MA 02649-4010.

[rslappin@adelphia.net]

1947
(MIKE WELCH)

Jim Dickenson went to Virginia Tech after finishing at Augusta. He retired in 1991 after 40 years with the Virginia Department of Agriculture. He lives in Roanoke and has four sons, a daughter, and four grandchildren.

[HokieJimm@aol.com]

1948
(NONE)

Bill Harris' sweet wife, Frances, writes that their new housing is working out well for them. *"We take exercise classes each day and have two meals, plus sitters for Bill when needed which enables me to keep up with some of the activities I enjoy."* We are thinking about you both, Frances.

[fbharris@cmaaccess.com]

Paul Bratton and Ruby were missed at the reunion. Paul has been having problems with his legs and we are hoping that he is better now.

1949
(FRANK SPENCER)

Clyde Ramsey missed his first AMA reunion since 1985. He was moving at the time of the reunion - to a new home 200 yards away from his old place in Asheville.

Richard McLaughlin's namesake son took him on an Alaska cruise in May. *"We had five wonderful days of sunshine and I got a tan by the ship's pool,."* he reports.

1950
(JIM LUPTON)

Bud Lafollette and Alice sailed on the Queen Mary from Fort Lauderdale to St. Thomas, VI, St. Martin and St. Kitts *"with much food and two formal nights on board."*

Dick Young signed up and paid for the reunion registration, but no one ever saw him. Where were you, Dick?

1951
(CHARLES PILLEY & HAP STARR)

John Core has moved from Sonoma in California to Pagosa Springs in Colorado. He and his old friend, **Hap Starr**, had some quality time together at Reunion 2005.

Ben Angle, Frank Pilley and **Chip Lazarus** attended their 50th anniversary class reunion at VMI on the same weekend of the 2005 AMA reunion. Ben had his family to the museum earlier this year. *Photo on page 83.*

CLASS OF `32 - Bob Klutz and family in the Hall of Honor, AMA Alumni House/Museum.

Names in parentheses under each year indicate the Class Agent for that year

1952
(JIM WHITE)

Juan Santaló has been located by **Manuel Balbis, `53**, and he is back on the mailing list. Juan lives in Coral Gables.

Roger Messick, a happily retired corporate pilot, searched the world over for the perfect place to live. He and Jeanne decided on Prescott, Arizona. Roger was at Reunion 2005 and says that he and Jeanne definitely will be back for Reunion 2006. He was Battalion Commander at AMA his senior year.
[trmessup@aol.com]

1953
(LEWIS MUNDIN)

Manuel Balbis is an adjunct professor of graduate business management for the University of Phoenix on line. He still travels to South America on business for his consulting company. Manuel is the former President of Firestone Argentina and lives in Miami. He is working with others in Southern Florida to arrange an AMA event there. [Maweet@aol.com]

Ted Basque and Marcia traveled crosscountry by motor coach from Lincoln, California to attend the reunion and said they had a grand and glorious adventure.
[MrTedTed@aol.com]

Joe Neff announces a new mailing address: 9920A S.W. 89th Court Road, Ocala, FL 34481.
[jd_neff@earthlink.net]

1954
(KEN HOKE & T. C. LEA)

Bob Harris and Kathy are moving into their new home in Amherst, less than an hour from AMA. The Harrises lived in Connecticut where he was an executive with Advest. Bob was the general contractor on the new house and is glad to have that job behind him. Now, he takes another job as Treasurer of both the AMA Alumni Association and the AMA Alumni Foundation. Thanks, Bob!
[bhariii@aol.com]

CLASS OF `52 - Standing outside the Commandant's Office are Ed Schoenborn, Eddie Ray, Tommy Mitchell and Roger Messick.

CLASS OF `56 - Lonnie Crotts, his wife, Mary, his sister, Ruth, and his brother-in-law, Marion in the museum.

CLASS OF `61 - Cam Lewis and his wife.

1957
(GOODLOE SAUNDERS)

Jerry Wildman has completed his move to Shelton, Washington.
[wildman@pstbbs.com]

1962
(BOB GEBEAUX)

Bruce Nicholson has been hard at work scanning *Recalls* from his era to be transfered to the Augusta web-page: AMAAlumni.org. Thanks for all the hard work, Bruce. Bruce and Pat live in Santa Fe, New Mexico where he is president of an air quality consulting firm. See story on *page 40.*
[BrucNichol@aol.com]

1963
(MIKE BASTO)

Phillip Wharton had a grandson, Zachary Furches, born on 28 January in Yankton, SD and he'll add another grandson this month. Congratulations, Phil!

Joe Kristek and his wife have left New York State for their new home in North Carolina. Their new address is: 5680 Seven Lakes West, West End, NC 27376. [Navy1dad@aol.com]

1965
(NONE)

Bob Walton, a professional photographer, lives in Highland

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CLASS OF `66 - Robert Cooper seems to be very happy with his return to the campus.

photographer, lives in Highland Springs near Richmond. He was a busy fellow at Reunion 2005 catching alumni and their families in formal and informal shots, many of which can be found throughout this issue. Thanks, Bob!

[1pacrat@netzero.net]

1966
(NONE)

Dennis McConnell writes from La Jolla, California that he is looking for his roommates **Dave Clark** and **Ron Phillips**. Write Dennis at P. O. Box 920, La Jolla, CA 92038.

[BellHill1@sbcglobal.net]

1967
(MAC McINNIS)

Mitchell Toms has bought a house in Cortez, Colorado that was an old stagecoach stop at the entrance of the Canyon of the Ancients National Park. His wife had a heart attack which prompted the move. Their beautiful daughter Francesca goes to a one room school with about 40 other kids. Mickey is selling his Crozet farm, buying a smaller place in Charlottesville, and traveling between the two houses. He still managed to run the annual AMA Open Golf Tournament.

[cmtoms@earthlink.net]

1968
(GORDON METZ)

Rick Visher wrote to say that his e-mail address was not included on the last roster. Sorry about that, Rick.

[vfsinc@hotmail.com]

1969
(C. A. PASCALE & BILL SCARBOROUGH))

Nicky Syropoulos marched in the Roller Rifles during Reunion 2005, then went home to Baltimore to undergo prostate surgery. He's doing fine now. [nas09@aol.com]

CLASSES OF `67 AND `69 - Brothers David, `67, and Paul, `69, Raybin with their wives, Wilma and Kay at the PX.

Victor Gomez lives in Alexandria, *"just three hours from the AMA Museum, so I do want to sign up to be a volunteer there."* Many thanks, Victor. We need you and lots of other fellows to give our fulltime volunteers some days off. Victor says, *"It took me 36 years to come back to a reunion and I am kicking myself for waiting so long."*

[victorr.gomez@verison.net]

1970
(JORGE ROVIROSA)

Gary Nicholson and Sue put in their long hours at the reunion, and when they returned home Gary had to go into the hospital for some blood transfusions. Hope all is better now, Gary. We need you!

[nickama70@aol.com]

Steve Trent and Sharon Menke were married the first weekend in June. Congratulations! There is a picture of them on page 10.

[grimsley@mindspring.com]

Jorge Rovirosa was the guidon bearer for the reconstituted Roller Rifles, and he looked good out there on the Parade Field! He lives in Miami and is helping to plan an AMA event in Southern Florida later this year.

[Jorovi@farovi.com]

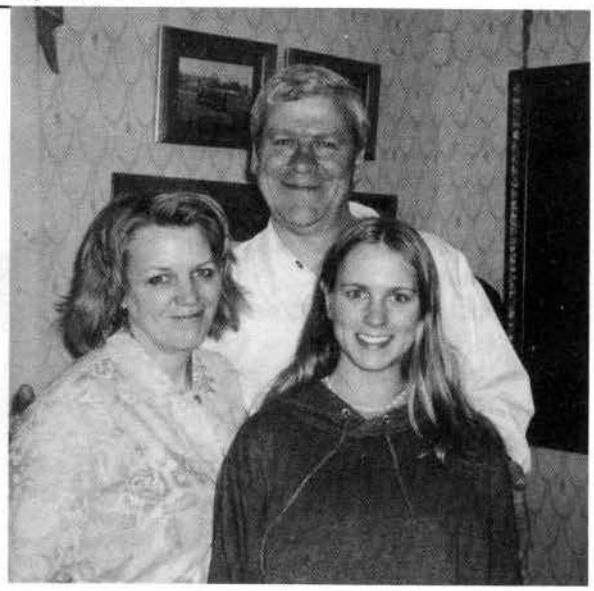
1971
(GARRY GRANGER)

Brown Carr lives in Louisville, KY and has checked in with a new e-mail address.

[brown-149-carr@insightbb.com]

1972
(LEWIE KENNETT)

Steve Pearson reports that his oldest daughter is back in college and



CLASS OF `73 - Mark Callahan, `73, in Maggie Belle's parlor, AMA Alumni House/Museum.

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doing well while his 16 year old daughter has developed a love for streetrods and wants Steve to get a `32 coupe started in the garage. Steve is feeling better now, but went through a period of blood clotting events which induced small strokes. Steve still lives in Bradenton, FL.
[AMAMail@aol.com]

Dr. Richard Whitaker is a key member of the AMA Alumni Foundation Audit Committee and has been working with new Treasurer **Bob Harris, `54**, to institute procedures for the handling of Foundation monies. Richard lives in Turner, Maine and we were delighted to see him at the reunion.
[whitster@mrgalink.net]

Lowell Galumbeck checked in to say that his years at AMA *"were the happiest of all my teen life."* [strip4u@cox.net]

Al Zayas has a new address: 600 Grapetree Drive, Apt 8GN, Key Biscayne, FL 33149.
[zayas72ama@aol.com]

CLASS OF `75 - Gathered on the steps of Alumni House, the biggest turnout for the Class of 1975 in years. Celebrating the 30th anniversary of their graduation, front, Bob Walker, Mal Livick, Jr, John Hash; second row, Louie Iglesis, Colonel Larry Nicholson, USMC; third row, Brett Thompson, Peter Schissel, Tom McCade and Billy Sturgis.

Dave McCulloch lives in Longmont, Colorado where he works at Lehman Communications. He wants to be sure everyone has his correct e-mail address, below.
[dmcculloch08@netzero.net]

1974
(BILL BRUDER, HAYES DICKINSON & COREY KOENIG)

Dwight Nitz owns and operates Fields of Glory in Gettysburg. Pennsylvania where he deals in artifacts from and about the Civil War. He was at the reunion and donated many valuable items for the Silent Auction.
[foglory@cvn.net]

CLASS OF `79 - Chris Mangano and family in our museum.

1975
(BRETT THOMPSON)

John Hash has resigned as Treasurer of the AMA Alumni Foundation and the AMA Alumni Association because of the press of business. We owe John a debt of gratitude for having filled this post for the past several years.

Peter Schissel was able to get away from his active duty assignment at Camp Atterbury in Indiana to make it back for the reunion. Peter is collecting non-fiction books for his unit where soldiers are prepared for overseas deployment. An ordained minister, he delivered an eloquent invocation at the ceremonies honoring AMA's World War II KIAs. See *page 34.*
[peter.schissel@us.army.mil]

1979
(ED ISKOW)

Steve Barber says that he spent *"two cold years in Big Barracks in 1977 and 1978... but I still am wearing my AMA ring."* He found the AMA website at 3 AM one morning and was so excited about it that he couldn't get back to sleep.
[stevencbarber@hotmail.com]

(1980)
(KEITH TRAYLOR)

Ty Miller and **Keith Traylor** had a grand old time at the reunion getting caught up. Ty lives in Grafton, West Virginia and Keith in Germantown, Maryland. They were celebrating the 25th anniversary of their last year in Fort Defiance. Thanks to Keith for working to get his class back.

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West family honored for donation of highway signs pointing the way to the AMA Museum

AMA alumni will be forever grateful to **Norvell West, `83**, and his family for the erection of directional signs on the Interstate and US 11 pointing the way to our Augusta Military Academy Museum. The signs which were initially on wooden stakes (as shown in the photo below) are now on break-away metal poles, a permanent installation, attracting alumni and tourists. The number of visitors to the museum has increased exponentially since the signs went up. Thank you, thank you, to **JoAnne West** and her family for this meaningful contribution to the future of our AMA alumni efforts to preserve our legacy.

The West family - Mother, Daughter, Grandmother

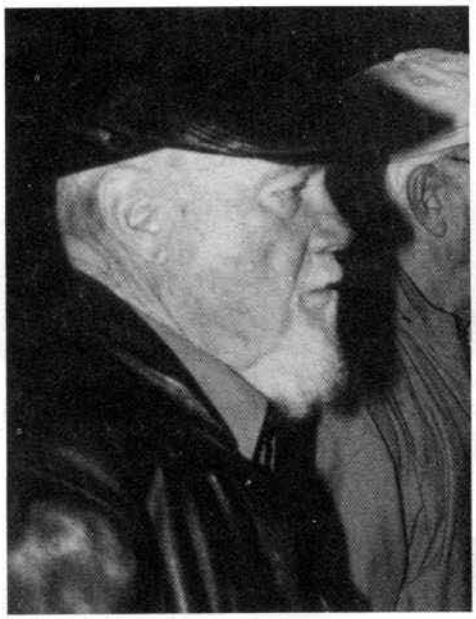
Foundation Chairman **Goodloe Saunders, `57**, presented Mrs. West with a plaque, right, which will be placed at the AMA Alumni House/Museum. The signs were given in memory of her late husband and Norvell's father. Every time we see one of these signs, we will think of Mr. and Mrs. West and their support of AMA in so many ways.

WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE TO JOANN WEST
FOR HER DONATION OF HIGHWAY SIGNS
POINTING THE WAY TO THE AMA MUSEUM
GIVEN IN MEMORY OF HER HUSBAND
NORVELL WEST, JR.
FATHER OF NORVELL WEST III '83
PRESENTED APRIL 30, 2005

The Virginia Department of Transportation (DOT) will maintain the signs. In addition to the large signs in both the southbound and northbound lanes of I-81, there are smaller signs (right, above) on US Route 11 including markers at AMA's Front Gate as approached from either direction off of Route 11 - the Valley Pike. Many are the visitors who tell our museum volunteers that they came to the museum because of the signs. Alumni who have been lost to the alumni association for years have found their way back home and travelers who know nothing about AMA have been enticed to turn off and visit.

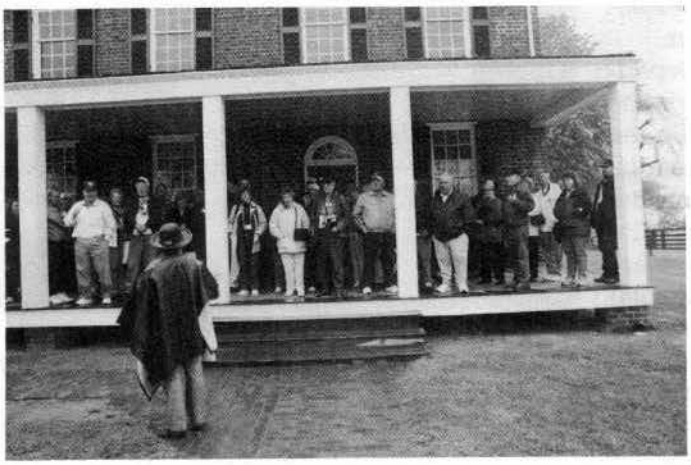
"There is no way to truly measure how important these signs are to our future," says Alumni Association President **Garry Granger, `71**. *"At the reunion, many people who saw the signs for the first time told me how proud they were and some were quite emotional about it. Many people worked hard over the past four years to achieve this accomplishment and we thank them all, but we know that without the support by Norvell and his mother, this would not have happened."*

Norvell and his mother examine a painting of AMA's founder, Professor Charles S. Roller, Sr., in the museum.



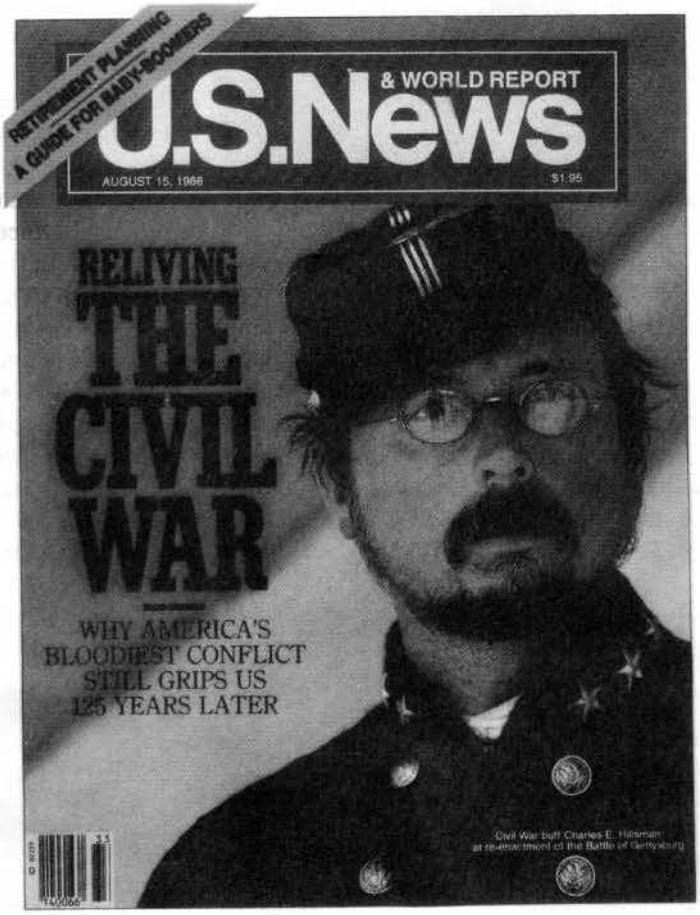
REVEREND JIM JUPTON, `50, listens carefully as a National Park ranger describes what happened 140 years ago at Appomattox.

ON TO APPOMATTOX! - Dr. Don Elston, `44, and Shirley check in with Bev and Frank Williamson, `60, for the motor coach trip to Appomattox. The Elstons, back for their third straight reunion, live in Flagstaff, Arizona.



A RE-ENACTOR named "Bill" regaled the AMA group with stories about life in Appomattox in 1865. If he were asked a question set in the present, he would answer as one would have during the Civil War.

LUNCH IS SERVED at the famous Babcock House in Appomattox.



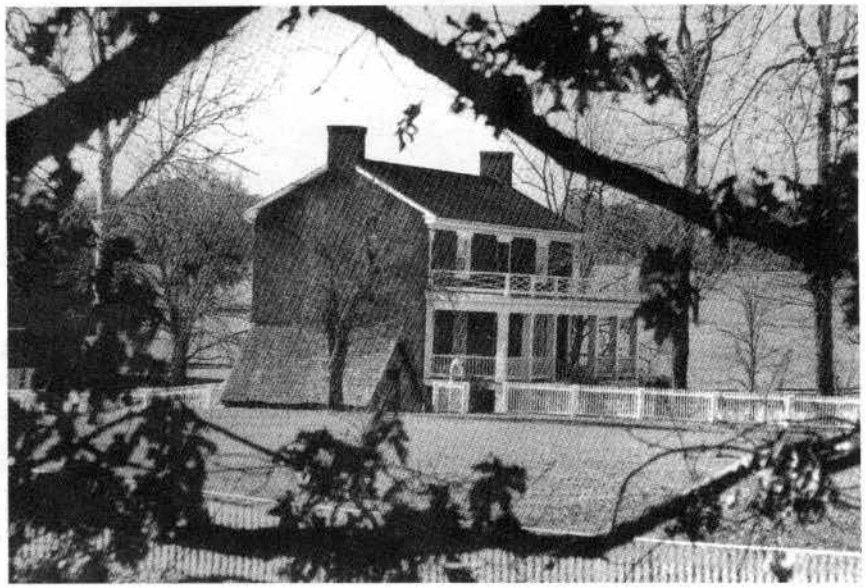
MADE THE COVER - The late Charlie Hillsman, `71, was not only a Civil War re-enactor but he portrayed General Lee in the re-enactment of several Civil War battles. Here, he is pictured on the cover of *US News* for 15 August 1988.

Professor Roller was there

Reunion goers visit place where Civil War ended

After the Civil War Battle of Manassas (Bull Run), Wilbur McLean moved his family away from the hotly contested area just south of Washington to Appomattox Court House, a place he thought was safe from the war. But it was in his parlor that Generals Grant and Lee met on 9 April 1865 to bring an end to the war.

Augusta Military Academy has a close tie to this event. The day before Generals Lee and Grant met, **Charles S. Roller, Sr.**, a soldier in General J.E.B. Stuart's Confederate Cavalry, was wounded and captured near Appomattox, but he would be a prisoner of war for only a single day. The following day, after he had met with Grant, General Lee rode back to his men admonishing them to *"Go to your homes and resume your occupations. Obey the laws and become as good citizens as you were soldiers."* Professor Roller did just that as he began tutoring Confederate veterans just four months after the war ended, the beginnings of what we came to know as AMA.



THE McLEAN HOUSE at Appomattox Court House where the American Civil War ended in April of 1865.

CHARLIE HILLSMAN'S COUSIN met Frank Williamson, `60, when the AMA group visited Appomattox. Margaret Hillsman Lam's father also attended AMA. The last battle of the Civil War was on 6 April 1865 at Sayler's Creek on the farm owned by Charlie's ancestors and owned to this day by his widow.

The Babcock House, left, served the AMA group a delicious lunch.

On Friday during Reunion 2005, a group of AMA alumni and their families came to Appomattox despite threatening weather. **Bob Hume, `63**, again provided a luxury motor coach for the tour for which all are most grateful. The only disappointment was the inability of Dr. Mary DeCredico to join her AMA friends on the tour. On the same day, she was being presented to the Bucknell University Board as the new provost. Dr. Mary, we missed you and hope you will join us in some future year. A local reenactor spoke to the AMA group and answered questions about what life was like in Appomattox in 1865. Rain or no rain, it was a grand day for all who participated. A special thanks to Frank and Bev for making things so perfect!

RAINDROPS were falling on their heads, but did not slow the AMA visitors.

Photo by Bob Walton, `65

TOWER OF POWER - Frank Williamson, `60, reveals the contents of the Tower of Power: a bottle of Virginia Gentleman which stays in the replica of the AMA tower for the last two AMA alumni. Tickets were sold on chances to win a different bottle of VG and when the tickets were in and the profit from the Appomattox trip totaled another $1,000 had been raised for the AMA Alumni Foundation!

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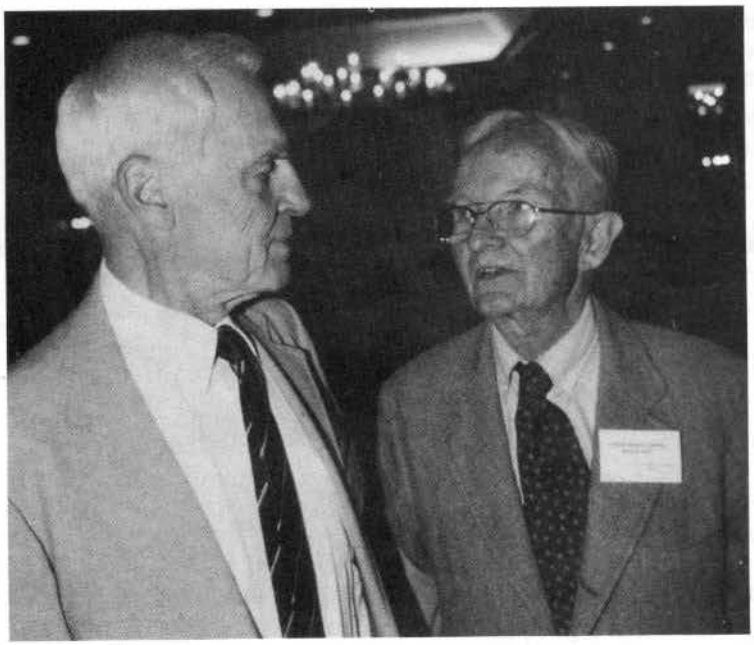

THE FORTIES - Bill Rand, `48, from Raleigh, and John Herring, `47, from Richmond talk over old times at AMA.

HARD SELL - Ben Zinkhan, `60, right, and his hand-recruited ticket sellers for the Tower of Power. Assisting Ben are his daughter, Laura Black, and her husband, Jamie.

BLISS - To the right is Steve Trent, `70. To the left is Brenda (Mrs. Gordon, `68) Metz. In the center is Sharon Menke. That was on 29 April at the Awards Banquet. Today, she is Mrs. Steve Trent, married to her man in early June. Congratulations!

SEVENTY-TWO - Three fellows from `72 in the Hospitality Tent: Doug Pennock from San Juan, Puerto Rico, Al Zayas from Key Biscayne, Florida, and Ray Bradley from Morristown, Tennessee.

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we suffered through the beginning, or was it the middle, of the ME generation. If you come to reunions, you will hear stories that you can relate to. The names might be different, but the themes are so familiar.

Marc Aronson, `68**, has an idea of doing an oral history of our school. He read excerpts from some of the stories he was told and I swear I could relate to each and every one. **Garry Granger, `71, read a letter from **Jim Hash, `72**, which was hilarious. We all smiled and could reminisce about some similiar experiences we had in our time at AMA. If you log on to the AMA website, you can read some of the very funny experiences he had with **Mollie Canavett**.

And I was honored to be in the presence of heroes like **Julian Quarles, `35**, and **Colonel Larry Nicholson, `75**.

What is it going to take to get younger men back for the reunions? **Ty Miller, `80**, the battalion commander his senior year, told me that he and his wife were backpacking down in the Valley and stopped by the school. But this was his first time back for a reunion in 25 years, and he felt it was about time. **Keith Traylor, `80**, was there also and it was good to see him and to catch up with Ty after all this time. My wife Colleen says she loves hearing the stories the older guys have to tell.

SURPRISE VISITOR - Chris Meek, `84, said he thought he was "going to fall over" when his classmate Victor Szalankeiwicz showed up at Reunion 2005. Vic had an excused absence from last year's ceremony which belatedly awarded AMA diplomas to the Class of `84 - he was serving our country in Iraq.

What made this reunion the most special was reuniting with a fellow member of the Class of `84. It was totally unexpected, but when **Victor Szalankeiwicz, IV**, surprised me on Saturday night, I thought I was going to fall over! Vic is a veteran of Iraq and he was deployed there last year when our class was honored on our 20th anniversary. What I did not know was that sometime during that ceremony, he was on the phone with **Liz Hash** who helps manage our museum. He was definitely there with us, and this year he was there physically as well. It was great meeting his wife Jennifer and I look forward to getting our familes together.

So, my friends, what will it take to get YOU back to the reunions? It's held the last weekend in April EVERY YEAR. Taxes are done by then and graduations are a few weeks off. What will it take to get you fellows back from the years I was at Augusta? It really doesn't matter what your experience was when you were a cadet. We all took away more positives than negatives.

There was only a handful of us who had been at AMA for five years when the school closed. We didn't last those five years hating AMA. Many, like Vic, were short timers, yet like Vic have strong personal feelings about the school and its closing. However, in spite of the depressing notion that we were not going to walk across the gym stage to get our diplomas, we were, and still are, AMA alumni.

I look to men like **Frank Williamson, `60**, who only attended AMA for a single year. Nevertheless his dedication to the perpetuation of AMA's legacy is stronger than that of many who were cadets for four or more years. We all appreciate Frank and all those like him.

However, we NEED MORE VICTORS!

AMA taught us about self respect and courage. It gave direction to the lives of students who had little to no self direction. It gave our teen years purpose and, hey, we looked damn good in our uniforms!

We need to develop the *esprit de corps* that we once had in our younger alumni. Guys, we are at a time in our lives when we know who and what we are. Come to visit the school, browse the museum, walk the grounds, think of all those great times we had, and, yes, the not so great times as well. I guarantee you'll smile a lot, and perhaps as you walk the campus you'll shed a tear or so, as I did. AMA was home for me, and always will be.

How about it? My e-mail address and phone number are readily available at our website: AMAAlumni.org.

As the Beatles once sang, *"Get back, get back, get back to where you once belonged."* ★ ★ ★

CAREFUL CADENCE - Three veteran drummers hammer out a brisk cadence while the Roller Rifles perform. L., to r., Bill Morales, `73, of Hummels Wharf, Pennsylvania, Thom McCabe, `74, of Pine Plains, New York, and Bob Walker, `75, of Union City, Tennessee.

THE NEW ROLLER RIFLES gather around the 105 in the Triangle with Big Barracks in the background. *Photo by Victor Gomez, `69*

ROLLER RIFLES MARCH AGAIN!

The Charles S. Roller, III Rifles, named for General Roller's son and Linda Roller Livick's father, were back in business at Reunion 2005.

Tom DelValle, `73, spent the winter and spring months recruiting AMA alumni to recreate our famous prize winning drill team. And he succeeded beyond all expectations! The unit, clad in fatigues, combat boots and maroon berets with the Roller Rifles shoulder cord, all purchased by its members, brought applause and a few tears as they marched around the Bowl and out on to the Parade Ground.

After the Massanutten Military Academy Drill Team and Roller Rifles performed, some of the RR members joined the MMA unit for a knockout drill. This year, a young Massanuteen cadet was the last one left standing.

Members of the Roller Rifles included Drillmaster Doug Pennock, `72, Guidon Bearer Jorge Rivirosa, `70, Mike Kidd, `72, Billy Sturgis, `75, Joe Garry, `73, Brett Jackson, `84, Gary Cripps, `71, Scott Travers, `70, Hampton Foley, `55, Lewie Kennett, `72, Rick Smail, `67, Bruce Orenstein, `69, Nicky Syropoulos, `69, Alfredo Zayas, `72, Jim Atchison, `73, Steve Traylor, `72, Brett Thompson, `75, Brian Miller, `67, and DelValle.

AT THE FRONT ARCH - The Rifles wait for their turn as the Massanutten drill team goes through its program. Doug Pennock, `72, of San Juan, Puerto Rico commanded the unit while Jorge Rovirosa, `70, of Miami was guidon bearer. *Photo by Bob Walton, `65*

Some of our guys had not carried a rifle for 35 years or more. Yet, with just one brief practice drill and with the threat of rain hanging heavy in the Valley sky, they performed exquisitely.

Well done, fellows!

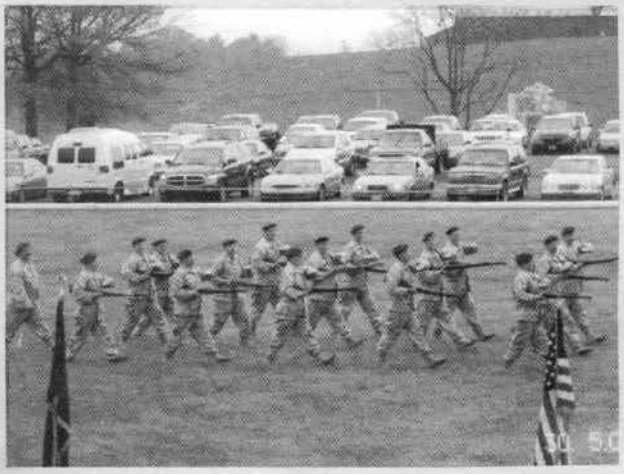
Photos on this page by Bob Walton, `65

At left, the knockout drill begins with part of the MMA drill team and some brave AMA alumni. Master Sergeant Helms from MMA barked out the orders in quick time. Below, right, it got down to two AMA men and one Massanutten cadet. This year, it was MMA who left the last man standing. Below, left, the MMA drill team performs with our goal posts as a frame for this photo.

DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY - It's Saturday and it's amateur night.

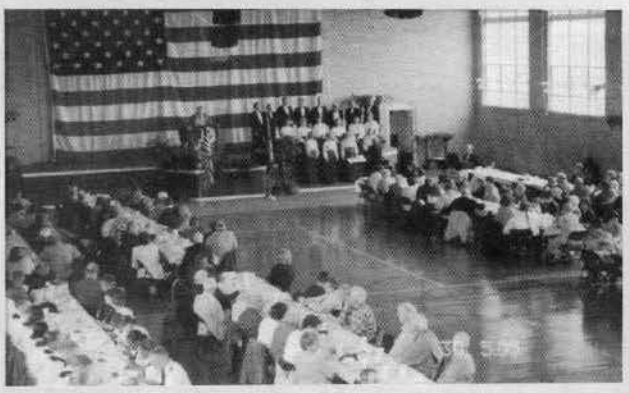
Tim Mizer, Ben and Joyce Zinkhan's son-in-law, made another beautiful from scratch cake which Goodloe Saunders, `57, auctioned off for $250!

UMATILLA DUO - Ernest Click, `48, and Marge at the Thursday night reception at the Staunton Country Club. Yes, they are from Umatilla, Florida.



REMEMBER THE CARS AROUND THE PARADE GROUND? They were there at Reunion 2005 when the revitalized Roller Rifles performed.

Photo by Victor Gomez, `69



LUNCH IN THE GYM - This was the scene in Memorial Gym at the Staunton Ovation presented a stirring concert with narration.

Photo by Victor Gomez, `69

PAYING HONOR - The Massanutten Military Academy Color Guard salutes at the Roller obelisk in the Stone Church Cemetery during Founder's Day services. At left with his hat over his heart is AMA Chaplain Frank Spencer, `49.

Photo by Bob Walton, `65

Rain doesn't slow down golfers

Neither rain nor snow nor dark of morning could keep Augusta's golfers from playing their annual AMA Open during Reunion 2005. Though rain fell sporadically througout the 18 holes of play, all agreed that it was another stellar event.

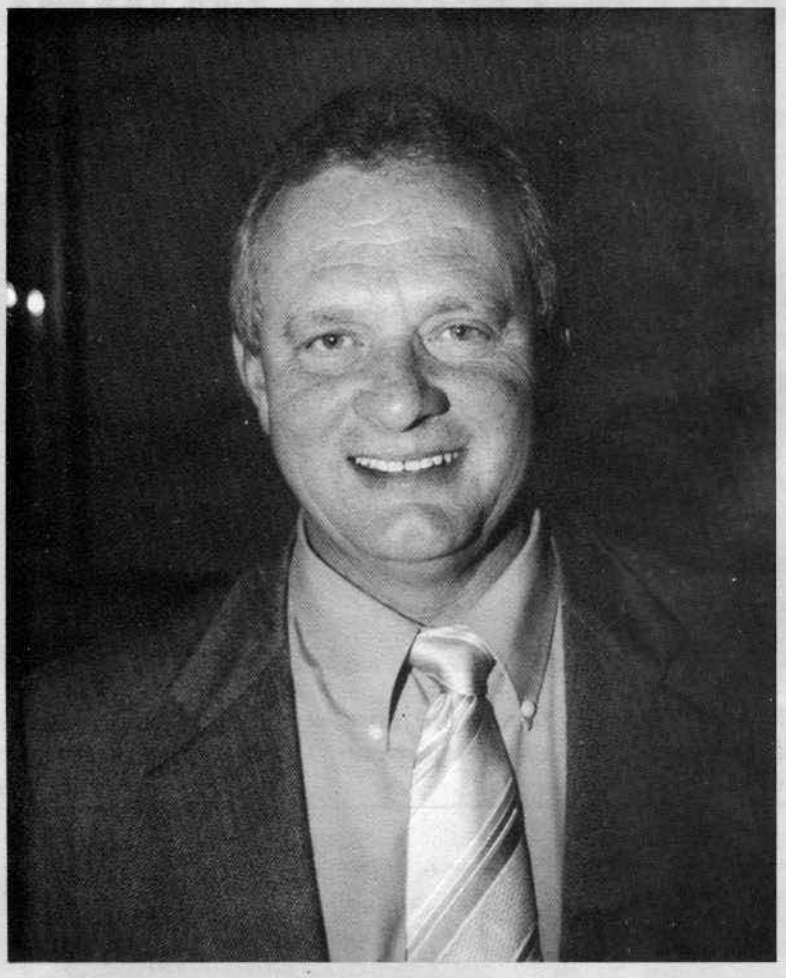
Some familiar faces were back in the winner's circle this year. **Jorge Rovirosa, `68, Jack Prentice, `68,** and the **May** brothers - **Jack, `68**, and **Keith, `70**, took the 2005 AMA Open by four strokes. The winning team received a beautifully hand carved perpetual trophy donated by **Chuck Foley**, a graduate of Missouri Military Academy and a faithful AMA friend. **Tom DelValle, `73**, had the longest drive, **Bill Scarborough, `69**, the longest putt, and there was a four or three way tie for closest to the pin - **Rick May, `62**, did it twice with **Jesse Porter, `64**, and **Scott Wooten, `66**, each doing it once.

READY TO TEE OFF - A cool, damp April morning did not deter the hackers from the swift completion of their appointed round. The AMA Golf Open went on at Ingleside just as planned. ***Photo by Mickey Toms, `67***

SPECIAL THANKS to Liz Hash, Eric Cobb at Ingleside for scrambling at the last minutes, to Chuck Foley for the beautiful trophy and an assortment of gifts for the golfers, and to these people for their contributions: Tom Roller, `36, son of Colonel Tom Roller, Al Zayas, `72, Doug Pennock, `72, Lewie Kennett, `72, Ed Willett, Jorge Rovirosa, `68, and Bob Bradford, `50. Thanks to you all!

DYNAMIC DUFFERS - Three of the 2005 top team winners hold the new perpetual trophy. L. to r., Jorge Rovirosa of Miami, Jack May of Oxford, Michigan, and Jack Prentice of Alexandria, all from the Class of 1968. Not pictured is Keith May, `70, from Ferndale, Michigan.

BIG MAN, LITTLE MAN - Jorge Rovirosa, `68, dressed in his Roller Rifles uniform, proudly displays the new AMA Golf Open Trophy donated by AMA friend Chuck Foley, an alumnus of Missouri Military Academy. The trophy will be awarded annually to the Open winning team.



The first medalist for 2005 is the only man who lives full time on the AMA campus, yet he is not an alumnus of Augusta.

But there are few who have given more support to our efforts. He looks after our museum on the days that it is closed. He has helped to set up chairs in the gymnasium for our annual reunions and helped to hang Old Glory on the gym stage. In addition, we have been able to borrow his public address system.

He has mowed the grass at the alumni house and even pulled stumps and hauled away dead limbs after the massive trees in front of the museum have been trimmed.

He has let us use other AMA buildings for storage and continously volunteers his time and talents to make an AMA Museum visit something very special indeed.

No, he is not an alumnus of Augusta Military Academy. But he takes pride in our heritage and does all in his power to accommodate the needs of the alumni association and all of the programs attendant thereto. The 2005 AMA Alumni Medal is awarded to the Reverend Greg Douglas with a sincere welcome to the AMA family.

Photo by Bob Walton, `65

AMA Alumni Medal goes to five alumni and friends of Augusta

Reverend Douglas, Colonel Parkins, `35, Joe Salicrup, `31, Charles "Hap" Starr, `51, and Norvell West, `83, are honored

For the seventh year, the Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association has presented AMA Alumni Medals to those who have rendered geat service to the association or the AMA Alumni Foundation. Nominations are solicited from alumni and friends of AMA. The awards program was the suggestion of **Harry Campbell, `70**, and recipients are chosen by a panel of alumni.

The 2005 medals were awarded to a minister who represents our landlord, a resident of Brazil who left funds which started both our scholarship and museum projects, an alumnus and long time AMA staff member, a man who gave early to support the school and after its closing to *The Bayonet*, and an alumnus who was key to having signs installed on I-81 and US 11 pointing the way to the AMA Museum.

Reverend Greg Douglas lives on the AMA campus with his family in what was the new infirmary and supports the alumni house/museum in myriad ways.

Joe Salicrup, `31, left $100,000 to AMA when he passed away, the genesis of the AMA Legacy Scholarships.

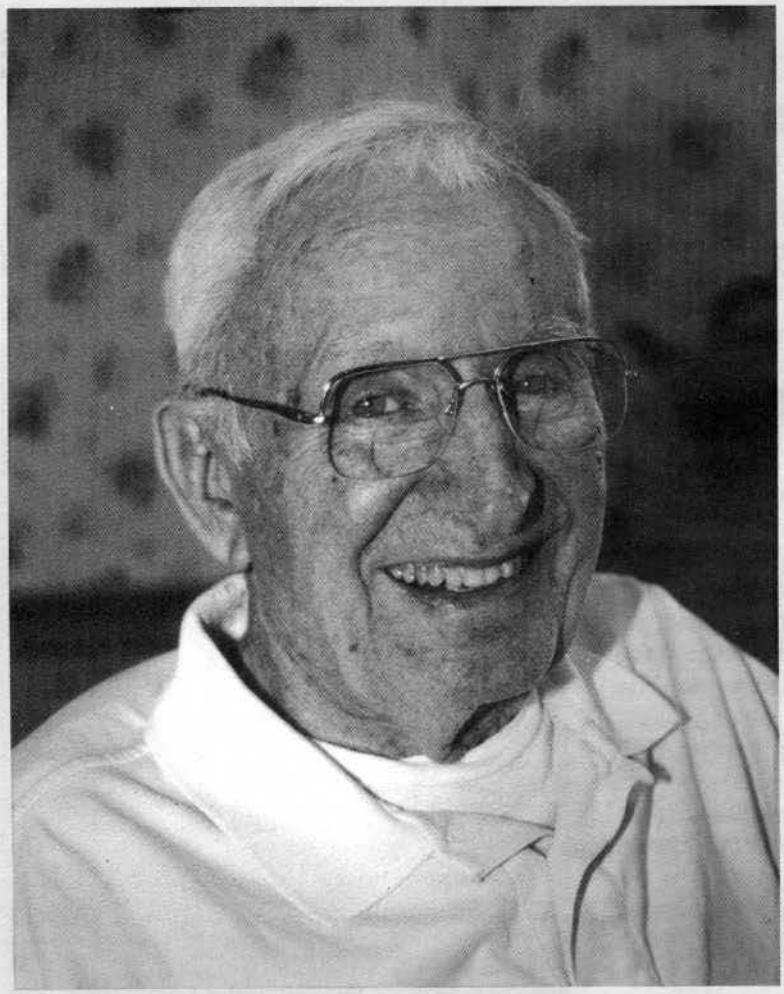
STANDING IN - Bill Parkins, `70, accepts the Alumni Medal on behalf of his father, Colonel Will Parkins, `35.

THERE TO ACCEPT - Hap Starr, `51, accepts his medal and accompanying certificate from Bob Bradford, `50.

Colonel Will Parkins, `35, came back to Augusta after World War II to serve many years and has been a goldmine of information on the history of the school.

Charles "Hap" Starr, `51, gave early and often to try to keep the school open, then continued that support after AMA had closed.

Norvell West, `83, was from next to the last class, but his love for AMA led him to push for the erection of signs on the US highways leading motorists to our museum.



The second medal goes to a former AMA cadet and a former Augusta staff member for more than 35 years.

We all remember having gone to the Post Adjutant's office to make a withdrawal from the school bank. That may have been the only infrequent contact we had with this man while AMA was in operation.

But when the school was closed, he became a dependable attendee at all of the alumni functions. Last year marked the first reunion he had not attended in all the intervening years, and he was not able to be with us this year.

He spoke at a Founder's Day ceremony in the Old Stone Church a few years back, reliving his days as the man who had to straighten out General Roller's finances as the General returned from Staunton with funds for the school's operation - funds depleted because the Big Boy had bought a load of coal for someone who was down and out or paid a doctor bill for someone else - arriving in Fort Defiance with less cash than our medalist had anticipated!

He knows the history of the school well and is an invaluable resource in our research efforts. The 2005 AMA Alumni Medal goes to this member of the Class of 1935 - this year celebrating its 70th anniversary - Colonel Will Parkins.

Colonel Parkins is in a nursing home in Bridgewater and would love to see and hear from his many AMA friends.

Address: Room 158, Bridgewater Home, 303 N. 2nd Street, Bridgewater, VA 22812.

Visits, cards and letters are most appreciated!

Colonel Will Parkins, 1950 *Recall*

Joseph Salicrup, 1931 *Recall*

Our third honoree also comes from a long ago class.

He was born in Lima, Ohio and attended AMA from 1927 until he graduated in 1931.

He was chosen the best OD his senior year - managed the fencing team - was the editor of ***The Recall*** and a first lieutenant in A Company.

When he graduated from Augusta, he received a direct commission into the US Army Reserves.

He went to work for General Electric and later in his father's business which he eventually ran, and he moved to Brazil.

As far as we know, he never attended an AMA reunion nor is there any record that he ever came back to the campus after he graduated.

Yet, a flame remained kindled in his heart and his love and respect for Augusta was undiminished through the passing years. Ed Click would hear from him occasionally and some small contribution for ***The Bayonet*** would accompany his correspondence.

Then in 1998, at age 85, this Augustan passed away in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

A few months later, we were informed that he had left AMA $100,000 in his will.

That was the underpinning for our scholarship program and our museum.

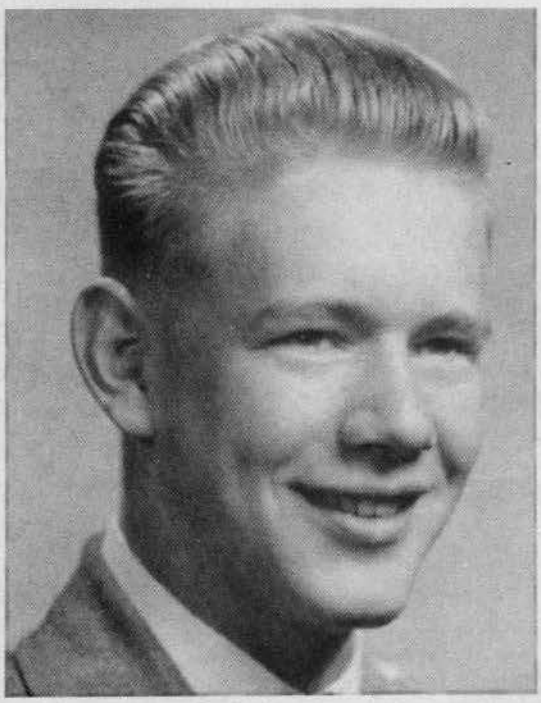
The 2005 AMA Alumni Medal goes to this member of the Class of 1931 - the late Joseph Salicrup.

We are attempting to locate any members of Joe Salicrup's family so that we can share this honor with them. If any one of you can help in this endeavor, it will be most appreciated.

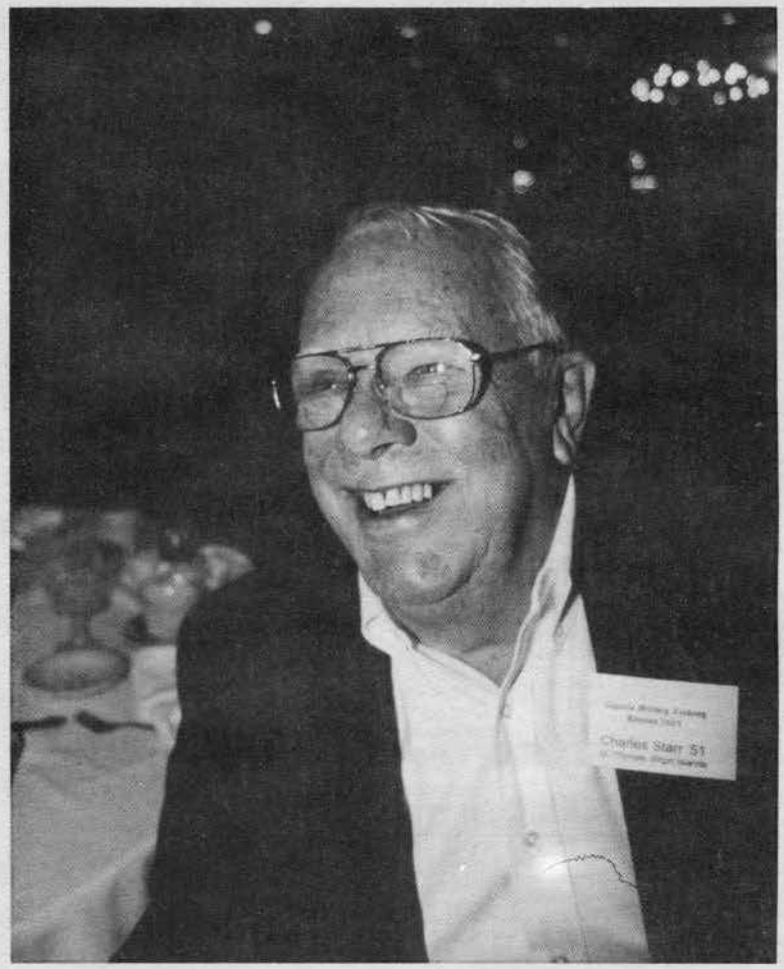
Our fourth medal winner graduated from AMA 30 years after Joe Salicrup.

While our school was still open, this man gave Colonel Hoover a donation which was used for a capital project. He later made a donation to Colonel Livick to repair the Mess Hall steps.

After the school closed, he attended many reunions in spite of the near 4,000 mile roundtrip from his home in the Virgin Islands. And he continued to contribute to the alumni association. His $500 donation to *The Bayonet* at the 1998 reunion was the largest contribution received to that date, and that in a year when his house had been damaged by a hurricane.



Charles "Hap" Starr, 1951 *Recall*



He and Gordon Metz organized the alumni lacrosse games which continued until the players went on Social Security.

And he and Colonel Frank Pilley organized the Class of 1951 50th reunion in 2001, which resulted in one of the largest turnouts ever. He also orchestrated the tribute to AMA's faculty at the 2000 reunion.

If you read the last *Bayonet*, you noted that his good deeds continue on Water Island in the U.S. Virgins.

The 2005 AMA Alumnni Medal goes to this member of the Class of 1951 - Charles "Hap" Starr.

roof by his personal physical effort. The Front Gate restoration project was begun and encouraged by him with the help of Bruce Kemp and many others.

But his most important contribution to our alumni efforts has been the installation of signs on Interstate 81 and US Highway 11 pointing the way to the AMA Museum. As we enter into the annual tourist season, we look expectantly for a dramatic increase in museum visits, and hope to find many more alumni who have been lost to us for many years because these signs are in place.

The alumnus responsible for all this is our final medalist for 2005 - from the Class of 1983, Norvell West.

Our final medal for 2005 goes to a cadet from one of AMA's last classes.

When Augusta was purchased by a consortium of Virginia Pentecostal Churches, this alumnus and his Dad produced detailed blueprints of the AMA buildings and grounds which made the renovation and restoration of some buildings on campus much easier.

There are concrete picnic tables - the original immovable objects - now in front of our AMA Alumni House through this man's efforts.

The flag pole on Big Barracks - though permanently askew - was kept from plunging through the weakened Tower

West receives his medal and certificate from Medals Committee Chairman Bob Bradford.

Silent Auction speaks loudly: $5,000

Thanks to generous donations of items for the 2005 Silent Auction and to generous buyers who helped run the prices up, this year's auction netted $5,000 for AMA. Auction Chairman **Dave Conrad, `59**, thanked everyone who participated.

Bringing in top dollar again this year were American Airline tickets donated by **Tom DelValle, `73**, a vice president at the airline. **Garry Granger, `71**, paid $1,300 for two tickets anywhere American flies while **Mickey Toms, `67**, bought two tickets good anywhere in the U.S. for $800.

A picture of the *Enola Gay* signed by its pilot General Paul Tibbets and DVDs documenting the dropping of the first atomic bomb were donated by **Bob Bradford, `50**, and purchased by **Al Zayas, `72**, for $350.

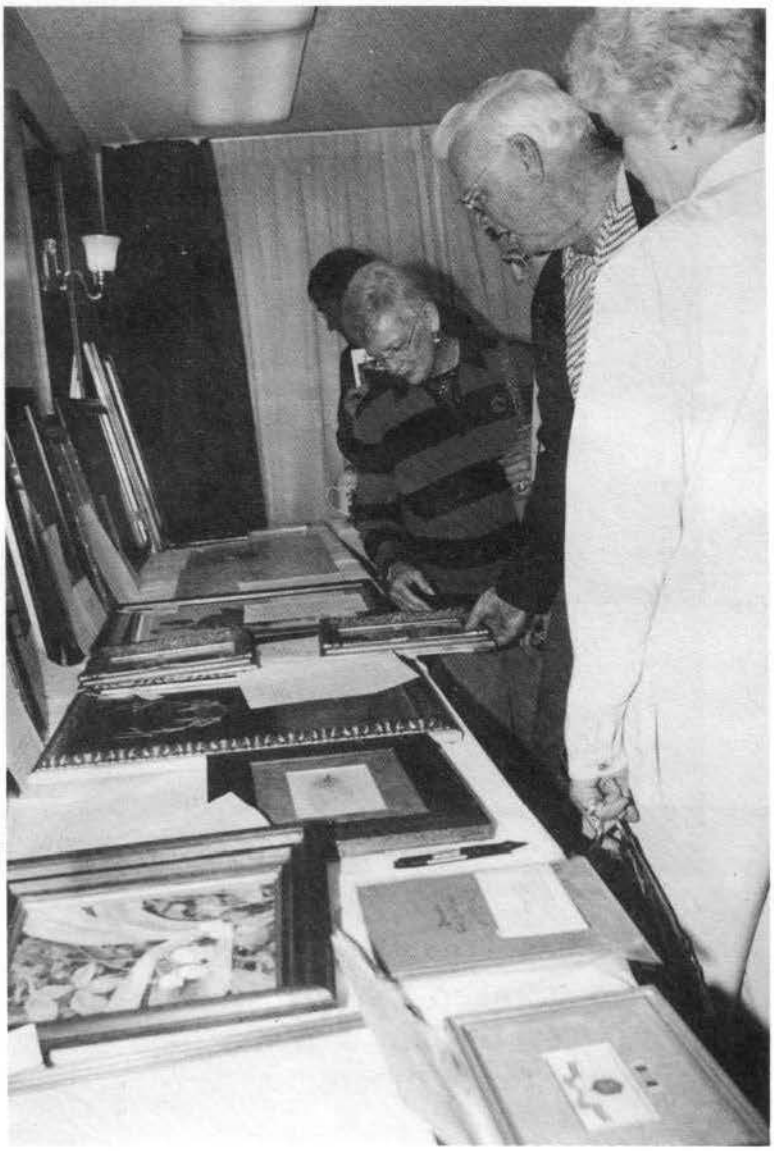
As always, **Ed Chauncey, `49**, donated some fabulous items from his business. **Dr. Richard Whitaker, `72**, paid $175 each for framed prints of Australian birds while **Bill Johnson, `55**, had the winning bid of $175 for a painting *Thunder in the streets* and **Jorge Rovirosa, `70**, paid $120 for another painting given by Chauncey.

Gary Nicholson, `70**, bid $110 for an angel handmade by **Kathy (Mrs. Bob, `54) Harris, **Bruce Nicholson, `75**, bought an antique water color for $90 and Rovirosa paid $90 for a duck decoy given by **Dwight Nitz, `74.** Whitaker had the high bid of $80 for a framed fly print and **Bob Walker, `75**, paid $50 for a framed proof of a World War II medal, both items donated by Chauncey.

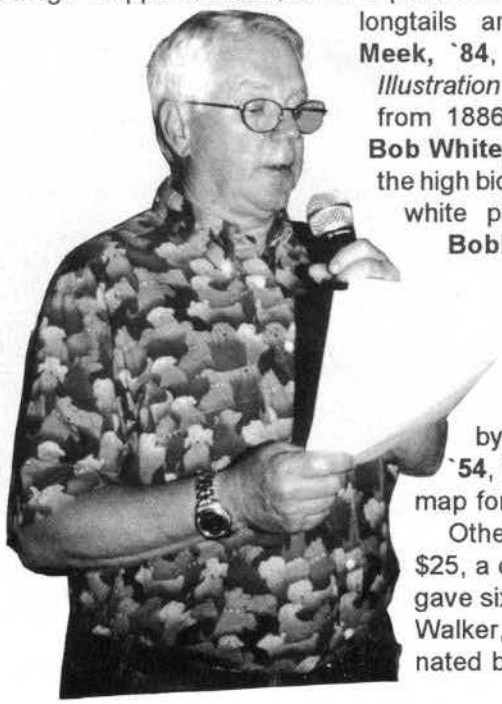
Zayas donated boxes of Cuban cigars which went to Rovirosa and Toms for $75 each, and to Johnson for $45. Johnson donated a printer which went for $50.

George Chipps laid out $80 for a picture of wintering longtails and **Chris Meek, `84**, got a *L' Illustration Horticole* from 1886 for $50. **Bob White, `60**, had the high bid for a bob white print while **Bobby Rhea, `47**, purchased a picture of the Stonewall Foot Cavalry, both given by Chauncey. **Dave Conrad, `59**, donated a table which was bought by **Phil Wharton, `63**. Chauncey also gave all of these items: a botanical oil sold for $31 to **Dr. "Boots" Solan**, an Augusta County Civil War 25 cent piece for $45 to Rovirosa, a framed Richmond (Civil War) 75 cent note for $30 to Solan, a 1920 sailing ship to **Dr. Don Elston, `44** , for $40, a print by J. Collin to Bruce Nicholson for $35, a framed photo of FDR to **John Bell, `54**, for $45, a picture of a large buck to Solan for $20, and Elston bought an 1872 map for $45.

Other items included a tea pot given by Conrad and purchased by Chauncey for $25, a ceramic angel given by Conrad for which **Bill Rubush, `49**, bid $14, and Holt gave six cutting boards which were bought by Chauncey, Conrad, Marge Solan, Bob Walker, Dave Nicholson and B. Sterling for $10 to $23 each. An AMA bear donated by the AMA Museum went to Meek for $45 while a Gettysburg Game Boy given by Nitz was purchased by Wharton for $25.



CHECKING IT OUT - Reunion goers check out some of the items offered at the 2005 Silent Auction.

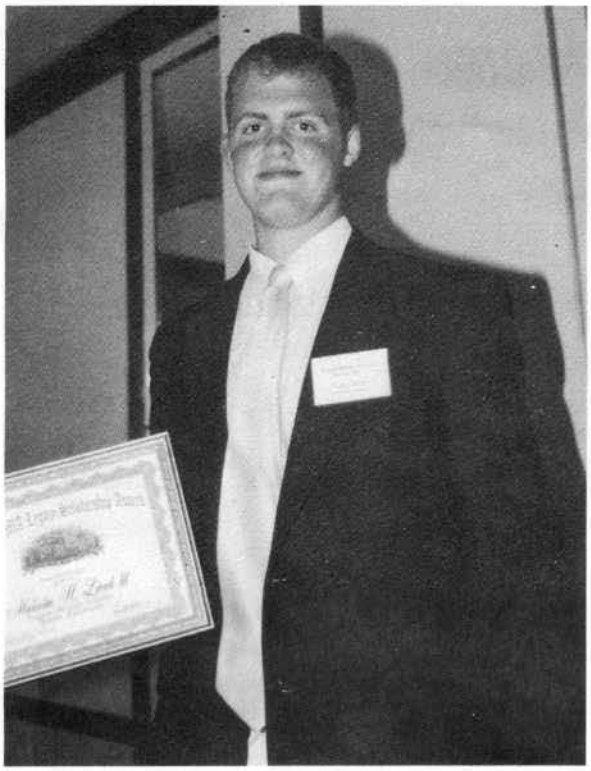


AUCTION CHAIRMAN Dave Conrad, `59, reads out the winning bids on Saturday night.

Three earn AMA Legacy Scholarships

Three direct descendants of AMA alumni were awarded AMA Legacy Scholarships at the Awards Banquet during Reunion 2005. Scholarship Committee Chairman **Bruce Orenstein, `69**, and Judge Bruce Kemp made the presentations.

The 2005 scholarship recipients are Jason Robert Bare, son of **Michael Bare, `69**; Josephine (Jodie) Kalvin, daughter of **Albert Kalvin, `65**, and Malcolm (Trae) Harris Livick, III, grandson of **Charles S. Roller, III, `27**, great-grandson of **General Charles S. Roller, Jr.**, and son of **Colonel and Mrs. Mal Livick.** Jodie Kalvin's grandfather also attended AMA. Each stipend is worth $2,000 and is paid directly to the institution of higher learning attended.



Trae Livick holds the certificate stipulating that he is the winner of a 2005 scholarship.

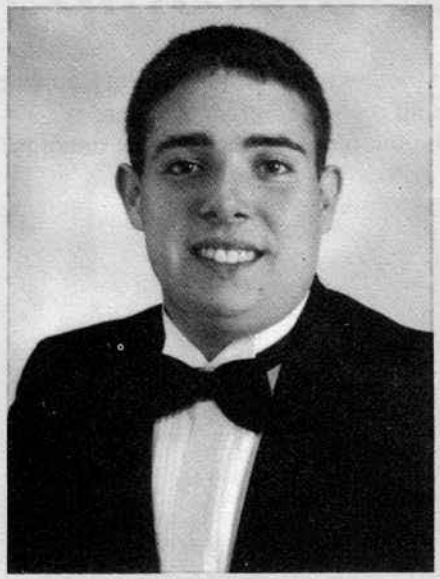
Jodie Kalvin joyously accepts her scholarship. Standing by is Bruce Kemp, the scholarship judge.

Michael Bare accepts the AMA Legacy Scholarship on his son's behalf from Bruce Orenstein. Bruce and Mike were both in the Class of 1969.

AMA LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS

All VMI - Frank Spencer, `49, standing, an alumnus of VMI, stands with Laura Hash, center, daughter of Liz and John Hash, `75, and Cadets Justin Sloan, `05, and Ernest Simons, `06, recipients of AMA-VMI Scholarships.

AMA Legacy Scholarship Judge Bruce Kemp.



Jason Robert Bare
son of
Michael Bare, `69

Attending Johnson and Wales University, Charlotte, North Carolina

At an early age, Jason had open heart surgery which has prevented him from actively participating in his favorite athletic activities.

But he has been active at Oakton High School in Vienna, Virginia in many extra curricular activities.

He was the freshman, junior and varsity basketball team manager and as a senior he was the fulltime basketball manager.

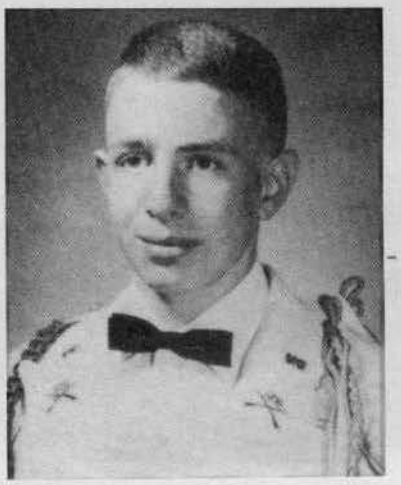
During the football season, he helped to set up the field, stocked the concessions and provided handicapped assistance to those who required special access.

As part of a leadership course, he has been involved in setting schedules for school activities, developing public education forums, and public speaking.

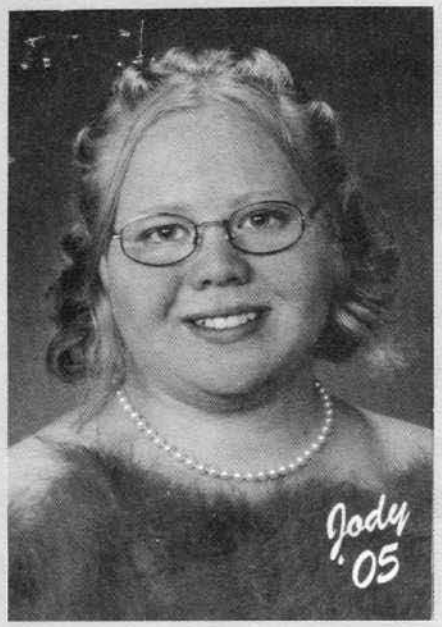
He has a 3.5 grade point average and has been accepted at Johnson and Wales University in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Jason intends to major in sports management.

Winner of 2005
AMA Legacy Scholarship



Michael L. Bare,
1969 *Recall*



Josephine (Jodie) Kalvin

daughter of

Albert Kalvin, `65

Attending the University of Central Florida

President of the Chinese Club and member of the Drama Club.

Producer of her high school television show and Vice President of both the Science and Math Clubs.

A participant in the Academy of Communications and Multimedia Technology, a magnet program for television production and journalism.

Jodie's senior year grade point average was more than 4.0 while taking advanced calculus, advanced chemistry and Chinese III.

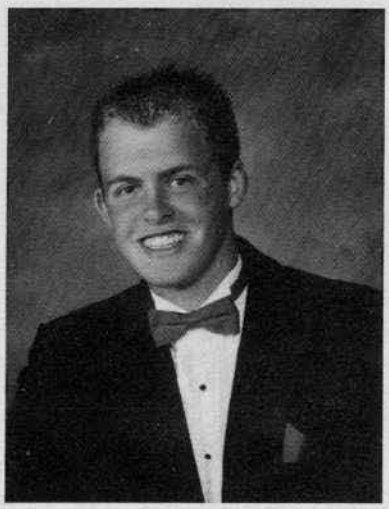
She played the trombone in the school marching band and was involved in the Community Theater for the last twelve years.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Communication Liaison Model for the United Nations. Historian of Best Buddies. And Jodie held down a part time job.

Jodie plans to major in film. Her grandfather also attended AMA.

Winner of 2005
AMA Legacy Scholarship

Albert R. Kalvin
1965 *Recall*



Malcolm (Trae) Livick, III

son of

Malcolm Livick, Jr., `75

Attending Blue Ridge Community College

He maintained a 4.0 grade average his senior year while taking advanced courses at the Blue Ridge Community College through the Tech Prep Academy.

Member of Latin Club, Chess Club, Student Council Association, and Math Club.

Named to the National Honor Society.

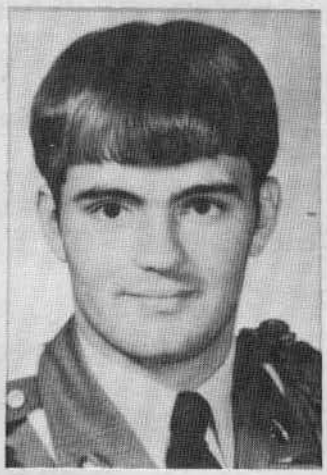
Lettered in varsity football, varsity baseball, varsity tennis and varsity track. Co-captain of the Fort Defiance High School football team last fall.

Member of the Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church.

Trae knows he would have attended AMA if that had been possible. The son of an AMA graduate, the grandson of **Colonel and Mrs. Mal Livick**, the great-grandson of **Charles S. Roller, III, `27**, and the great-great-grandson of **General Charles S. Roller, Jr.**, AMA is just as surely in his blood as it is in that of any alumnus.

Trae intends to major in architecture.

Winner of 2005
AMA Legacy Scholarship



Malcolm H. Livick, Jr.,
1975 *Recall*

Until there are just two of us...

At the 2005 reunion, a musically backed narration traced the history of our little school during a luncheon in the AMA Gymnasium. The music was provided by ***Ray Hoaster and the Staunton Ovation*** *with solos by* ***Sherry Lily,*** *Trumpeter* ***Phil Myers, `71,*** *and VMI Bagpiper Jackson Todd. The narrator was* ***Bob Bradford, `50***

What a privilege we in this room have!

We have memories of our Augusta that no one else on God's earth can fully fathom or rightly esteem.

Our heritage began before the nation began. The first minister came to the Old Stone Church in the 1740's not only to bring the word of God but to educate the young people in his congregation. Eventually there was a school in a small building next to the church. AMA's founder - **Charles Summerville Roller, Senior** - the "Professor" - the "Old Boss" - probably attended classes in that building, a building long since gone.

There likely was the flame kindled which caused him to devote his life to educating young men here in the Great Valley of the Shenandoah.

(SHENANDOAH - OVATION)

The Valley became the destination for Scots and Irish as the new land was settled. Many of the names most closely associated with AMA are of Scot-Irish descent.

To salute those pioneers, here is Cadet Jackson Todd of the Virginia Military Institute.

(BAGPIPE SALUTE)

Life was bucolic in the Shenandoah Valley in the early 1800's. Transportation and contact with the world beyond were limited. But the 1850's brought sounds of discord. Our country, born just over 80 years before, was pulling apart.

In 1861, Virginia left the union and Charles Roller enlisted in the Confederate Cavalry to serve under General J.E.B. Stuart. The four years of civil conflict brought to the Valley all the ugliness of war at its worst.

One hundred forty years ago - on 8 April of 1865, a 26 year old soldier in Company E, 1st Virginia Cavalry was wounded at a place called Appomattox. The next day, Charles Roller and 12,000 other weary Confederate soldiers lay down their arms in this quiet Virginia village.

The Civil War was over.

(DIXIE - OVATION)

The Civil War was over, but in Virginia and much of the South, the devastation was nearly complete. Returning soldiers found burned houses and barren fields.

THE STAUNTON OVATION brought the sound of music to the Saturday luncheon program in the AMA Gymnasium.
Photo by Bob Walton, `65

VMI PIPER Jackson Todd entertains.

But **TWO** soldiers understood that Virginia and the other Southern states could not reclaim their rightful places in the Union if their young men were not educated.

Robert E. Lee went to Lexington in 1865 to take over a faltering Washington College - later to become Washington and Lee.

45 miles north in Fort Defiance, Charles Roller began to tutor Confederate veterans.

There were **TWO** of them - the Professor and his wife.

By the late 1870's, the Augusta Male Academy was in operation. Professor Roller taught and **Linda Roller Livick** believes that the professor's wife probably prepared meals for the students.

There were 55 students by 1887 and it was now called Augusta Military Academy though Professor Roller never again wore a uniform after Appomattox.

As the 20th century began, the professor's health deteriorated and he called for his **TWO** sons to come home.

Tom Roller was teaching classical languages at a prep school in Memphis.

Charles Roller, Junior was teaching and coaching football at Furman University.

In 1907, the professor died - and Colonel Tom - and Major Charles began their incredible stewardship of the school we all love.

Guns roared again - this time across the Atlantic as America entered World War One. The brothers decided that one should go to war while the other kept the school going. Charles Roller, Jr - the Big Boy - went to France as a captain in the ambulance corps.

(OVER THERE - OVATION)

Augusta sent over 500 of its alumni to World War One. Nine did not come back.

After the armistice in 1918, Augusta continued to grow. With the foresight of the Roller brothers, the cadet waiter program began in 1919 as a way to help students pay for their tuition.

Then came the Depression - a most difficult time for the school as the Roller brothers tried to convince poor and penurious parents to send kids to school in shadow of the Blue Ridge. **Hilton Roller Grasty** tells how her father, Colonel Tom, would go off in his car for days at a time and call back to say he had succeeded in enrolling another cadet or two.

Once more, the war drums sounded and America entered World War Two.

Augusta Military Academy had more than its share of heroes. The 53 AMA alumni whose names we read moments ago died in World War Two - this from a school with just 42 seniors in the class of 1942. Among those killed: four Bronze Stars, five Air Medals, five Silver Stars, three Distinguished Service Crosses.

Our boys who came home - came home as men.

(GOD BLESS AMERICA - SHERRY LILY, VOCALIST, WITH THE STAUNTON OVATION)

Colonel Tom Roller was an educator. He taught the classics and served as President of the Association of Military Schools and Colleges of the United States. He was also Chairman of the Augusta County School Board and was the leader in replacing one and two room public schools with more modern facilities.

Our late friend **Mickey Gordon** called Colonel Tom Roller *"a gentleman who treated everyone with great respect, high or low."*

Tom and Charles, Jr. - the **TWO** of them - ran AMA from the time of their father's death in 1907 to Colonel Tom's passing in 1946.

(AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL)

In 1946, then Major Roller took over at AMA. Whether he was Major, Colonel or General Roller, the "Big Boy," Brass or B.B. to cadets, he has to be classed as what **Ed Click** called the most unforgettable character we ever met. Charging across open fields in the Grey Ghost, his 1936 Dodge, horn beeping impatiently, leaping from his car in front of Big Barracks, then shuffling off to the Big Room to teach his classes. A roommate to General George Marshall at VMI, he was many years later elected to the VMI Sports Hall of Fame, and he never gave up his love for football, positioning himself between the goalposts for every home game while the Corps chanted *"Take the ball to Big Boy."*

In 1963, the day after he had led the Corps in 15 loud and lusty cheers for the AMA national champion rifle team, he passed away at his home, White Hall. A great American gone to his rest.

(PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN- OVATION)

When General Roller passed away, the school ownership transferred to his widow, and upon her death to Linda Livick, General Roller's granddaughter, and her husband, **Colonel Mal Livick**. And they had those terribly big shoes to fill. During their tenure, AMA did have its largest Corps of Cadets. Mal Livick earned the nickname "Captain Midnight" for his late night forays into barracks.

Sherry Lily sings the National Anthem

And while all of us who were at AMA before 1963 revere the Roller brothers, **Jim Mitchell** from the Class of `76 spoke for his era when he said, *"Colonel Tom and General Roller were icons to us, but Colonel Livick was flesh and blood."* But the ballooning U.S. involvement in Vietnam soon had tarred anything military and enrollment began to slip. SMA closed its doors in 1975 and AMA became a non-profit entity a few years later, but all too little, too late.

The Vietnam War, the discipline problems which emerged as anti-war sentiment grew, and decreased enrollment - these negatives joined to bring our little school down. But as Dr. Mary DeCredico said from this stage last year, *"Here we are - savoring our time here - renewing old friendships - and contributing to AMA's legacy."*

We fortunate few who can call ourselves Augusta men - what a glorious company we do keep!

(AMERICAN MEDLEY)

One of our own won the Pulitzer Prize for his novel.

One of our own wrote a best seller which was made into a Disney movie.

One of our own won the first Lombardi Trophy as college football's most outstanding lineman.

One of our own ran the United States Information Agency.

One of our own flew from the decks of the USS Hornet to drop the first bombs on Japan in the Doolittle Raid in World War Two.

One of our own was an ambassador.

One of our own rescued the Belgian King from his Nazi captors.

One of our own is a NASCAR promoter.

One of our own was nearly the last to die in Korean War.

One of our own was among the first to die in Vietnam.

One of our own has been nominated four times for a Pulitzer Prize in sports reporting.

One of our own is a bishop.

One of our own is an admiral.

One of our own is a three star general.

One of our own spent six weeks in Uganda performing surgery on needy children.

One of our own built a church.

One of our own was a novelist and acclaimed Guggenheimer poet.

One of our own spent his career in the military, then taught in prison until the prison closed.

One of our own won a Silver Star in World War One for cleaning out a German machine gun nest.

One of our own has coached at three National Football League teams.

One of our own was in the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba.

One of our own was attorney general of Virginia.

One of our own was in a German concentration camp in World War Two.

One of our own was in the French Foreign Legion.

One of our own is literally a rocket scientist!

One of our own became a father last month.

One of our own became a grandfather in February.

One of our own became a great-grandfather last January.

One of our own became a great-great grandfather last year.

So as the line goes back to Professor and Mrs. Roller, to Colonel Tom and to Major - Colonel - General Roller, and to Colonel Mal and Linda Roller Livick, so it goes forward in the hearts of people here today, and those here in spirit.

It goes on through our lives and beyond as we relate our Augusta memories to our children and their children and their children's children.The simplest **TWO** syllable words often can provoke the most consequential and heartfelt memories, a virtual tsunami of emotions. I want you to think with me about some two syllable words and phrases, each of which evoke recollections so personal and so sweet that, try as we might, it is impossible to share them fully with anyone who was not an AMA cadet.

Now listen:

Big Room + Roller + Parade + Savedge + Finals + Hoover + PX + Livick + Mess Hall + McCue + M-1 + Springfield + Parkins + Tattoo

Yes, our little school is closed, but in my mind and in my heart - as I am sure it is in yours - AMA lives!

(MUTED TRUMPET)

I can hear the bugle sound -

I can hear the bell ring in the mess hall -

I can picture the corps sweeping by in studied cadence -

and I know that what we had can never fade nor die.

The memories will last until there are just **TWO** of us left to share them.

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Pavers offer chance to honor, remember someone

The pavers that line the sidewalk leading to the AMA Alumni House/Museum carry a history of Augusta Military Academy. There, carved into permanent bricks, are salutes to the quick and the dead, to best friends and parents who have passed away, to special memories of AMA or of a colleague killed in the service of his country.

At Reunion 2005 as it is whenever visitors come to the AMA campus, they pause and slowly walk up and down the walkway reading the dedications, sometime smiling and sometimes wiping away a tear or two. Remembering or imagining. Being transported to another time and place by words lovingly chiseled into ceramic paver bricks.

These pavers give alumni, faculty and friends of AMA a way to honor someone or some thing. At the same time, it is a fundraiser for the AMA Alumni Foundation. The smaller bricks (4" X 8") cost $50 each and the larger ones (8" X 8") go for $100 each. Built into the price is a profit for the Foundation.

Would you like to place a paver in front of the museum to honor or remember someone? You can get an order form by calling 540/248-3007, FAXing 540/248-4533, or sending an e-mail to AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com.

The 4" X 8" paver has three (3) lines of not more than twelve (12) characters each while the 8" X 8" bricks permit five (5) lines of not more than twelve (12) characters each.

LINED UP - Even while the Roller-Robinson House was still being renovated, engraved pavers began to appear along the horseshoe walk leading to the house.

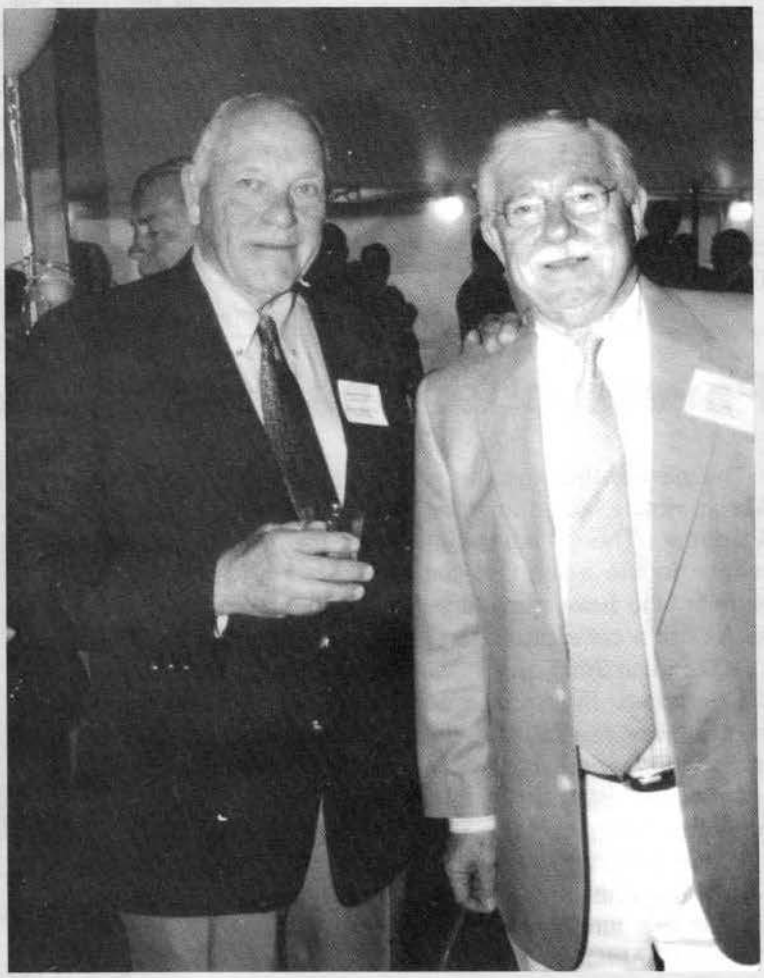
Spaces and punctuation marks count as characters.

Questions? Call Alumni House at 540/248-3007. Get your order in so that the paver(s) you order can be installed before the 2006 reunion.

GOOD AT THE JOB - Tommy Simmons, `53, keeps his record as the best bartender in the South.

REASSIGNED - Colonel Larry Nicholson, `75, and his wife Debbie. Colonel Nicholson is on his way to California to take over a Marine unit headed for Iraq next year.

WE'LL NEVER KNOW what Goodloe Saunders, `57, was laughing about!



ROG `N ROD - Roger Messick, `52, and Rod Willey, `51, at the Friday Awards Banquet.

SAVE THE DATES FOR REUNION 2006!
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY 27, 28, 29 APRIL

Marc Aronson, 68, sponsors project

AMA oral history starts at reunion

The human voice as a recorder of history. That is how **Marc Aronson, `68**, looks at the gargantuan task of reducing the stories of AMA alumni to a computer accessible history book.

Aronson had a recorder and touch screen with him at Reunion 2005 and invited alumni to meet him to record the memories of their time at Augusta. Those who were not at the reunion or didn't get a chance to record their memories with Marc and want to participate in the project can receive a recorder in the mail with instructions on its use and the return postage to get the recorder back to Marc.

Aronson is funding the equipment including the playback units and head sets. *"Eventually, I intend to place a computer in the museum with a touch screen and headsets so that visitors can listen to the stories and memories of our alumni,"* he says. If someone has been in touch with him already about doing an oral history, *"they don't need to contact me again. I will get in touch with them in due course."*

Employees lauded

At the Friday banquet during the reunion, Marc told the audience that he appreciated the nearly 50 hours of programming work which had been done by three of his employees: Jim Mahoney, Mike Salaj and Jeannie Schott. *"They are the reason that this project will work,"* he said.

Aronson said that he already has heard some great stories and he repeated a few without attribution:

⇨ One fellow said he was the only member of the Band who could read music.

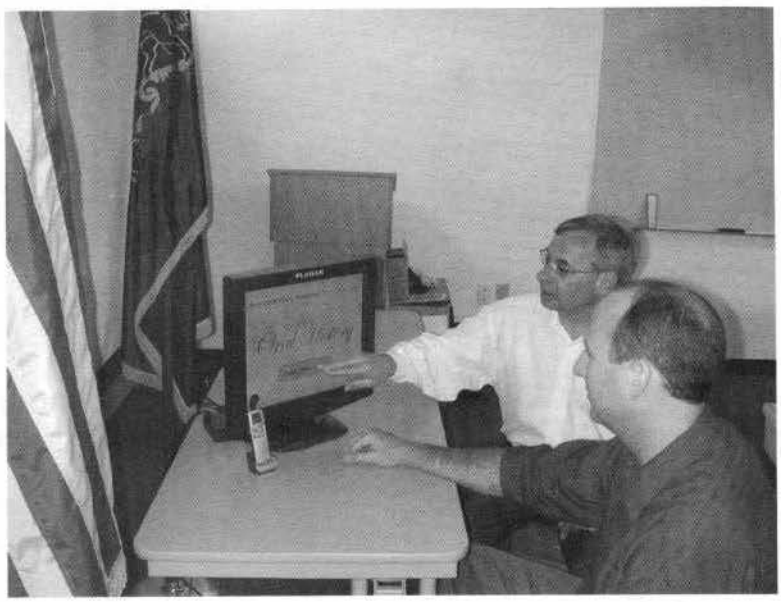
⇨ One said that he and three of his buddies had been caught buying beer at the IGA.

⇨ One confessed to having helped put a cavalry horse on the third stoop.

⇨ He received more than one confession to having stolen everyone's shoes while they were sleeping and tossing them into the courtyard.

⇨ Another said that he was Jewish and that the General had made him go to the Old Stone Church and sing "Baptist hymns." *"The General said it wouldn't hurt me."*

Marc has dedicated the project to his mother saying, *"Years after I was at AMA, I found that she was less than happy to have her oldest son shipped off to school. She has been a loyal supporter of AMA and of my endeavors in life."* A small plaque attached to the touch screen spells out the dedication to his mother, Lorraine Aronson.



HERE'S HOW - Marc Aronson, `68, in white shirt shows Joe Green how the touch screens will work.

How do I sign up?

If you are interested in participating in the oral history project, get in touch with Marc.

You can e-mail him at:
marc@ermunro.com

Or phone him at:
412/881-9171 (Home) or
412/281-0678, Ext 113 (Work)

Or write to him at:
35 Belplain Street,
Pittsburgh, PA 15227

Each person will get a recorder, a legal release to sign, instructions on how to use the recorder, a suggested outline, Marc's contact information, and the postage needed to return the recording to Marc. He would like to get the recorder back within two weeks of its having been received.

Marc says that he is working with **Liz Hash** at the museum who will provide him with a yearbook photo of the alumnus (where one exists) which would go with the story. *"I imagine that when we get all the details settled and a few more recordings made, I will be able to put the computer in the museum later this summer,"* he says.

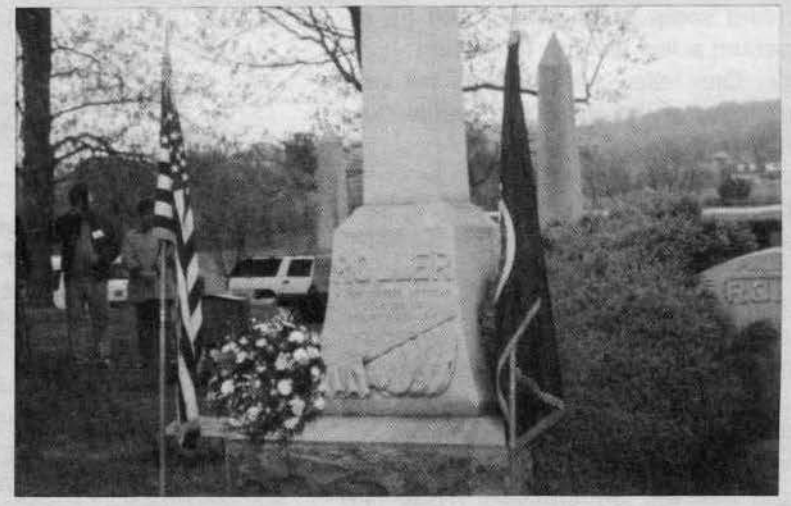
The touch screen that will be on a computer at the AMA Museum.

Garry Granger, `70, said, *"We owe so much to Marc for getting this project under way. I urge all of you fellows from the older classes to sign up right away to get your remembrances down on tape for all of us to hear and enjoy. This will be an invaluable tool for us to keep the AMA story filled with life and purpose. Thanks to Marc and his team for having gotten this exciting project up and running."*

WREATH LAYING - AMA Alumni Association President Garry Granger, `71, pauses while a prayer is said prior to his laying the Alumni Association wreath at the Roller graves.

SURROUNDED - Linda Roller Livick at the Founders Day ceremonies with Roger Messick, `52, and Mal, Jr., `75.

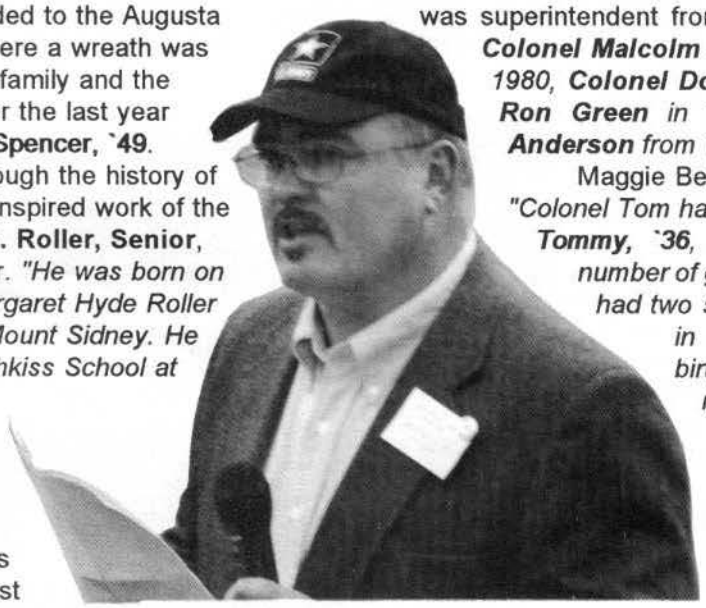
Alumni gather in the Stone Church Cemetery.



The grave of AMA's founder, Professor Charles S. Roller, Sr.

Mal Livick, Jr., `75, speaks at Founders Day

As his proud mother and father looked on, **Mal Livick, Jr., `75**, marking the 30th anniversary of his graduation from AMA, spoke at the annual Founders Day ceremonies on the drill field on the AMA campus. Following his remarks, an element of the Roller Rifles and the Massanutten Military Academy Color Guard proceeded to the Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church where a wreath was laid at the tombs of the Roller family and the names of alumni who died over the last year were read by Chaplain **Frank Spencer, `49**.



Livick took the audience through the history of the school beginning with the inspired work of the founder, **Professor Charles S. Roller, Senior**, Livick's great-great-grandfather. *"He was born on May 8, 1839 to Jacob and Margaret Hyde Roller who lived just up the road in Mount Sidney. He was educated at the Jed Hotchkiss School at Mossy Creek and later at the University of Virginia where he graduated in 1861. Like many of you here today, military service awaited him after graduation."* At age 22, Charles volunteered in Company E, First Virginia Cavalry, better known as Stuart's Cavalry where he served throughout the Civil War until the last few months when he was assigned to the staff of General Fitzhugh Lee.

"When my great-great-grandfather came home to the Shenandoah Valley, he found it had been laid waste by Union forces under the command of General Philip Sheridan," Livick said. He told how Roller saw the need for educating those whose lives had been interrupted by the war and thus began a school originally called the Augusta Male Academy.

"Charles married Judith Moorman from Lynchburg and they had four children," Livick said: **Maggie Belle, William Crawford, Thomas Jacob,** and **Charles S. Roller, III.** Mal said the story goes that on the eighth of May sometime in the 1880's, *"Judith decided the school needed a Founders Day which would be celebrated on or near May 8 each year."*

When Professor Roller died in 1907, his sons Thomas and Charles, Jr. took over the school. William was the school doctor and Maggie Belle lived in the Roller homestead (which is now the AMA Alumni House/Museum) where she directed religious and musical events.

"The brothers ran the school together until Colonel Tom's death in 1946, then Charles, Jr. ran it alone until his death in 1963," Livick remembered. **Colonel Leonard Gardner** was superintendent from 1963 until 1965. *"My father, **Colonel Malcolm H. Livick** ran the school 1965-1980, **Colonel Doug Niemier** in 1980-81, **Major Ron Green** in 1981-82, and **Major Marcus Anderson** from 1982 until 1984,"* Livick recalled.

Maggie Belle and William had no children. *"Colonel Tom had a daughter, **Hilton**, and a son, **Tommy, `36**, and five grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren. Charles, Jr. had two sons, **Charles III, `28**, who died in 1938 and Lucius who died at birth. He had one granddaughter, my mother, Linda. She married my father and they had five children: myself, **Charlie, `77**, my sister **Lee**, **Todd, `81**, and **Taylor**."*

Livick said that before he was an AMA cadet, he would watch the Corps march up Route 11 to the cemetery for Founders Day. *"At that time, the State Police would close the highway from AMA to the church and folks would get out of their cars and watch. I couldn't wait until I was a cadet to march up Route 11, but by that time (1968) traffic had increased and the police wouldn't let the Corps march up the middle of the road. So, we marched along beside the road and the cars still stopped to watch us."*

Mal did have one memorable experience at his first Founders Day as an AMA cadet. *"As I stood straight and tall in formation, listening to the speaker, I passed out. I awoke in the back seat of a car with a cadet fanning me and telling me that I shouldn't have locked my knees."*

Livick closed his remarks by reading a letter for former cadet **Thomas Wilson** who said he remembered the Old Professor *"with great love and affection. I had two classes under him, Latin and English and he would `drag' on us if we didn't know that Latin... If you couldn't learn under Professor Roller, you wouldn't be able to learn from anyone."*

DOING THE HONORS - The Massanutten Military Academy Color Guard leaves the Roller obelisk in the Stone Church Cemetery after AMA Alumni President Garry Granger, `71, laid a wreath there.

Peter Schissel, `75

Remembering those who gave their lives in WWII

Before the names were read of the 53 AMA alumni who died in World War II, **Specialist Peter Schissel, `75**, an ordained minister who has been called to active duty, spoke eloquently about the sacrifices of the past and the ongoing commitment of our men and women under arms to protect and defend our freedom.

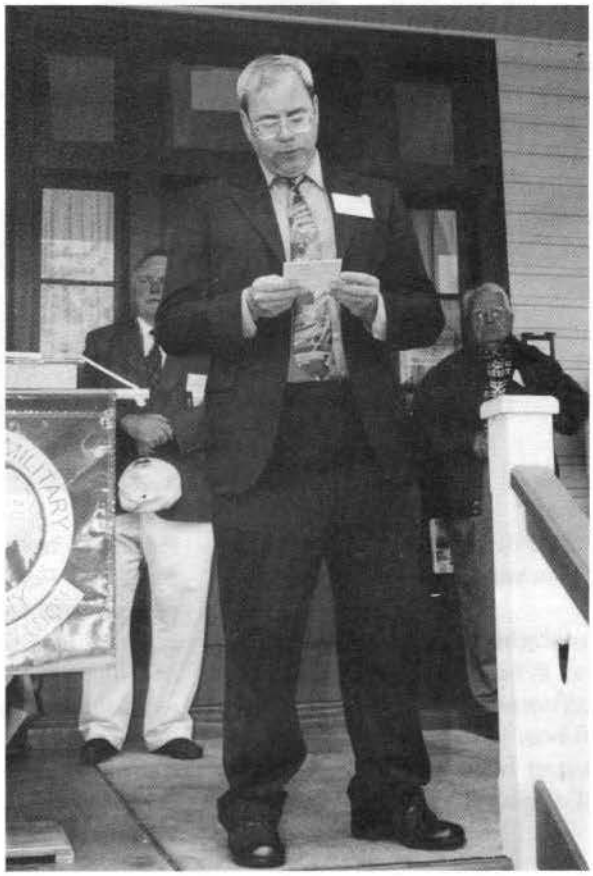
"What would those killed in World War II say if they could come back?," he asked, then answering his own question, *"`Remember! Don't forget! Understand that we were united in service and sacrifice. We know that what we fought for was just and right.' USA means United in understanding, Service and Sacrifice for freedom, and Assurance - they accepted their duties, they knew they were doing the right thing... There was unity and assurance then and there should be unity and assurance now."*

Schissel pointed out that in World War II, the Axis powers declared war on America, not the other way around. *"There is assurance that our cause was just... and today our former enemies are our friends... There was recognition that the evil powers had to be stopped and the USA with our allies became united in this cause to serve and sacrifice."*

Schissel criticized the cartoonist Gary Trudeau who claims through his cartoons that World War II was romanticized. *"I disagree... millions of American servicemen did their duty and modestly returned to civilian life. If any mistakes were made it was probably spoiling the baby boomer generation with too much prosperity."*

Schissel talked about his father who grew up on a farm in Iowa, joined the Air Force where he flew 33 missions in 1944-45, went to school with help from the G.I. Bill and became a family doctor. *"He never boasted of his achievements,"* said Schissel. *"With a name like Schissel, you can probably guess my ancestry. I am glad my ancestors left Germany for freedom in America and that my Dad flew for the U.S. Air Force and not the Luftwaffe!"* Schissel said that because of his Dad's example, *"I begged to go to AMA and I am very glad that I got to do that."*

Speaking of today's world, he said that when the country has been united we have helped accomplish goals *"but the times we have not have been tragic."* Referring to the visit to Appomattox the day before, Schissel quoted Lincoln who said: A house divided against itself cannot stand. In World War II, there was *"a recognition that the evil powers had to be stopped and we were united in this cause."*



ON LEAVE - Specialist Peter Schissel, `75, took leave from his assignment at Camp Atterbury, Indiana to salute those who fell in World War II and those who serve our country today in Iraq. Schissel's unit receives Army personnel who have been called to active duty for training before their deployment.

Peter Schissel is a member of the 7212th Army Reserve Medical Unit based in Rochester, Minnesota. His unit was ordered to active duty for 18 months and Schissel was sent to Camp Atterbury, Indiana near Edinburgh. Atterbury was built in 1942 to train soldiers for combat in WW II and since 9/11, the principal mission there has been to receive Army National Guard and Reserve units when they are called up. They come for the Soldiers Readiness Program (SRP) which lasts for about a month before the troops are sent overseas.

"Camp Atterbury has few facilities. There is no theater, only a chapel and a small PX," Schissel says. *"Many of the men and women being called up are married and leaving behind their loved ones. They have very busy days of training, then long nights in barracks. One way to brighten their lives is with books and what they seem to enjoy is non-fiction and history, particularly World War II histories."* So, Peter is asking AMA alumni and friends to donate books for this cause. (In the box below you will find instructions for sending books to Camp Atterbury) *"They thank you in advance,"* Schissel said.

Camp Atterbury has only a chapel and a PX on post. The nights are long and the troops want books - *non-fiction histories*. Can you send some books for our men and women at Atterbury? Mail to: SPC PM Schissel, Bldg 333, POB 5000, Camp Atterbury, Edinburgh, IN 46124. If you use the Postal Service, there is a special book rate which is much less than parcel post.

The African American cadets at AMA

By Warren Fleming, `72

Augusta Male Academy has set the stage for young men to learn and grow for over 100 years! It's founder, **Charles S. Roller, Senior**, served as a member of Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart's cavalry during the Civil War. During Reconstruction, he was elected to the Virginia General Assembly, the state legislature. Because of his commitment and dedication to the armed services, it was no surprise that Professor Roller introduced military instruction and discipline to his students. In the 1870's, the school became Augusta Military Academy making it the first military preparatory school in Virginia and one of the first to adopt a Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program. Professor Roller prided himself on founding a school that had a major educational, social and economic impact on the Shenandoah Valley for many years.

In 1954, as a result of the Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court decision, public schools began to desegregate. In 1970, for the first time in the history of AMA, there began an attempt to recruit African American students. The first African Americans to attend Augusta were **Vernon Halliburton, Lester Reed** and **Phillip Darkus**. These young men from Staunton created a path followed by other African American cadets.

In 1971, AMA enhanced its athletic program, specifically football, by recruiting coaches and players far and wide. **David Holtsclaw** and his assistants **Dave Trimble** and **Bill Hyatt** configured a group of players who not only gave their hearts and souls to the team, they also served as models for brotherhood and solidarity. The African American cadets who played football along with their Caucasian teammates were amazing to watch. They bonded together to become a force on the field which played every down as if it were their first.

The 1971 season had its ups and downs but it was memorable and rewarding with two players in particular who stood out. **Doug Carter** from Staunton was granted a full scholarship at the University of North Carolina and **William Evans** of Madison Heights, Virginia attended Ferrum Junior College and the University of Maryland on full scholarships. Evans went on to play in three national bowl games - the Cotton Bowl, the Gator Bowl and the Liberty Bowl.

FIRST REUNION - These cadets from the Class of 1972 were back in Fort Defiance the last weekend in April for their first ever AMA reunion. L. to r., Doug Carter, Russell Wells, Warren Fleming, Sam Hamilton and William Evans. Fleming says that his group will volunteer to man the AMA Museum on a weekend next February, Black History Month.

Off the football field, other challenges were being met. Caucasian and African American students were living and learning together on AMA's campus and for many cadets it was their first experience of this kind. The Caucasian students were amazed that the negative myths they had believed about their African American counterparts were not true. The African American students learned that some of the prejudices they had been taught were not warranted either.

Warren Fleming, one of these cadets, noted that this was the first time that issues surrounding interactions between the races had more to do with economics than about race. This was a powerful experience that was life changing for

ONLY TWO SECONDS LEFT! - Coach Jim Hogg gives advice to Jim Gordon, Carl Kellogg, Russ Wells, Doug Carter, Jim Wilson and Sam Hamilton at a basketball game in the fall of 1971.

the cadets at the Augusta Military Academy. The changes experienced by the AMA Corps of Cadets were compounded by the Vietnam War. Students were sensitive to wartime issues and knew that their survival was based on their ability to support each other. They often held meetings to discuss the terms and conditions of Americans during the war. Some AMA cadets went off to the Vietnam War and were killed, and the loss of those classmates is still felt 30 years later.

Warren Fleming, 1972 *Recall*

But AMA met the goal set by its founder so many years ago. It impacted the lives of young men in so many ways. With the help of everyone associated with the Academy, African American students were able to soar academically earning superior grade point averages and becoming some of AMA's most outstanding cadets. The structured environment at AMA made it easy to study and to find tutors who were willing to spare the time to ensure that each student received an education of which they could be proud.

The brave African American students who attended AMA in the early `70's overcame the struggles of segregation to become some of America's outstanding citizens. On 12 February 2005, several of these students held a reunion on the grounds at AMA. Among those who came were those holding bachelor and master's degrees who filled top management positions in the federal government. Others were educators holding top jobs in several school systems, the CEO of an information technology company, leaders in the local community, an advisor to the Governor of Maryland, and members of the clergy.

The African American cadets who came to AMA in 1971 would like to thank publicly **Colonel Malcolm Livick** and his staff plus the 1971-72 AMA Corps of Cadets for supporting the 1972 African Americans!

Those students are here listed:

Nate Calloway ✪ Doug Carter ✪ William Evans ✪ Warren Fleming Robert Gordon ✪ Sam Hamilton Patrick Lewis ✪ Howard Vaughn Phillip Ware ✪ Russell Wells.

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Russell Wells, 1972 *Recall*

Doug Carter and Bill Evans from the 1972 *Recall*.

Sam Hamilton, 1972 *Recall*

DODGING AND TWISTING - Warren Fleming heads for a first down in the 1971 game with GMS after Bill Evans (32) sprung him with a hard block.

*You can contact **Warren Fleming** at wkfleming@qst-inc.com*

Q: When does AMA need money?

A: You're kidding, right?

We have bills every month just like you do and we need constant contributions to keep everything moving forward. When do we need money? Always.

WERE YOU IN THE SERVICE DURING THE VIETNAM WAR?

A new display will soon be going up at the AMA Museum. After a four year run, the World War II exhibit will be dismantled at the end of this year, the 60th anniversary of the end of that terrible conflict.

In its place will be a presentation honoring AMA alumni and faculty who wore their country's uniform during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. In order to tell that story, we will need the same kind of support that we received from the World War II vets. We are looking for letters from home, equipment, uniform items, medals earned, and stories. Stories, stories and more stories!

Won't you help us to make this a meaningful experience for all who will visit our AMA Museum? It cannot be done without you.

Master Sergeants Joe Josephson and Don Studer, both veterans of Vietnam and AMA Museum volunteers, will be working with other volunteers to prepare the display and they will need a lot of assistance from AMA fellows who were in the Korean War, the Vietnam War, or both.

Please begin to think about what you have to lend or donate to the museum that will help create a memorable exhibit.

YOU AND ONLY YOU CAN HELP!

The display will honor in particular those alumni who were killed in action in Korea and Vietnam: three in Korea; twelve known KIAs in Vietnam. We are sure that there were many more wounded and of course there are those stories. Over the years, you have read the stories about our alumni who were in World War II and you have been inspired.

Now, it is your turn. And it is your duty to share your stories to inspire others. The Korean War – the forgotten war – and the Vietnam Conflict which divided America. Part of the healing is in the sharing.

We also are trying to develop a complete roster of alumni who were in uniform during the two wars. When you are next in touch with the Alumni House, be sure to let us know if you are a veteran of either war. We have such a roster from 1996 but it needs updating.

We are counting on you!

See Sergeant Studer while you are at the reunion or write to him in care of the AMA Museum, P.O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437. Phone 540/248-3007. E-mail him at: AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com

WERE YOU IN THE SERVICE DURING THE KOREAN WAR?

Serving in the Mideast

Sons of Rick Vischer and Gordon Metz, both from the class of `68, in volatile area

PARENTAL PRIDE

This new feature invites AMA alumni to tell us all about their children and grandchildren. Let us hear from you!

The sons of two AMA alumni from the Class of 1968 are now serving in the Mideast. **Gordon Metz** and **Rick Vischer** attended AMA as the Vietnam War raged and now they see their step-sons deployed in an area of the world where uncertainty rules day and night.

Staff Sergeant Jason Appleton

Rick's son is Staff Sergeant Jason Appleton who shipped out to Kuwait for an 18 month hitch this past November. Jason is 26 and has been married for three years to his Jenifer. His last assignment before Kuwait was to Puerto Rico. Jason grew up in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, attended Central Bucks East High School and the Bucks Community College before going into the service. His address is: SSG Jason M. Appleton, 276th Maintenance Co / 43rd ASG, Camp Buehring, APO AE 09330

If you would like to send him a care package to show that AMA alumni support what he is doing, his Dad says that what he most likes to receive are food items that can be warmed in a microwave oven since the chow lines at the mess hall sometimes take an hour to navigate. Another thing Jason will appreciate is batteries of all assorted sizes.

Gordon and Brenda Metz' son is now stationed in Iraq at Camp Anaconda where he is a first lieutenant in an infantry company.

Ray Compson went to AMA for a year 1977-78. He then spent four years in the Marine Corps before attending Virginia Tech where he graduated with a degree in forestry. In the meantime, he had joined the U.S. Army Reserve. He was called to active duty from the USAR and sent to OTS after which he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

His address is: 1LT Ray Compson, D Co/100-442 INF, 29 BCT, Camp Anaconda, APO AE 09391.

Ray likes to get books, toiletries and candy: the kind that doesn't melt easily. Lollipops and hard candy which he in turn gives to the Iraqi children with whom he comes in contact. *"This is very important to him and to his mission,"* says his mom Brenda.

PROUD DAD - Gordon Metz pins on lieutenant bars for his son, Ray Compson, when Ray finished OTS.

IT IS THE SOLDIER...

It is the soldier, not the reporter, who gives us Freedom of the Press.
It is the soldier, not the poet, who gives us Freedom of Speech.
It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who allows us to demonstrate.
It is the soldier who salutes the flag, serves the flag, and whose coffin is draped with the flag, who allows others to burn the flag.

Memorial Day 2005

AMA World War II alumni remembered with flowers in overseas cemeteries

Sixty years after the end of World War II, Augusta Military Academy alumni who were killed in action and buried overseas were remembered with floral tributes on Memorial Day. Realizing that many of Augusta's bravest sons may never have had a family visit in all the years since 1945, AMA determined to provide a spray of flowers for each alumnus who rests far from home.

Of 53 AMA alumni who died in the war, 21 either are buried in American cemeteries overseas or their bodies were never recovered. In the case of bodies that could not be found, those names went on a "Wall of the Missing" in the American cemeteries in the theatres of the war where they were lost.

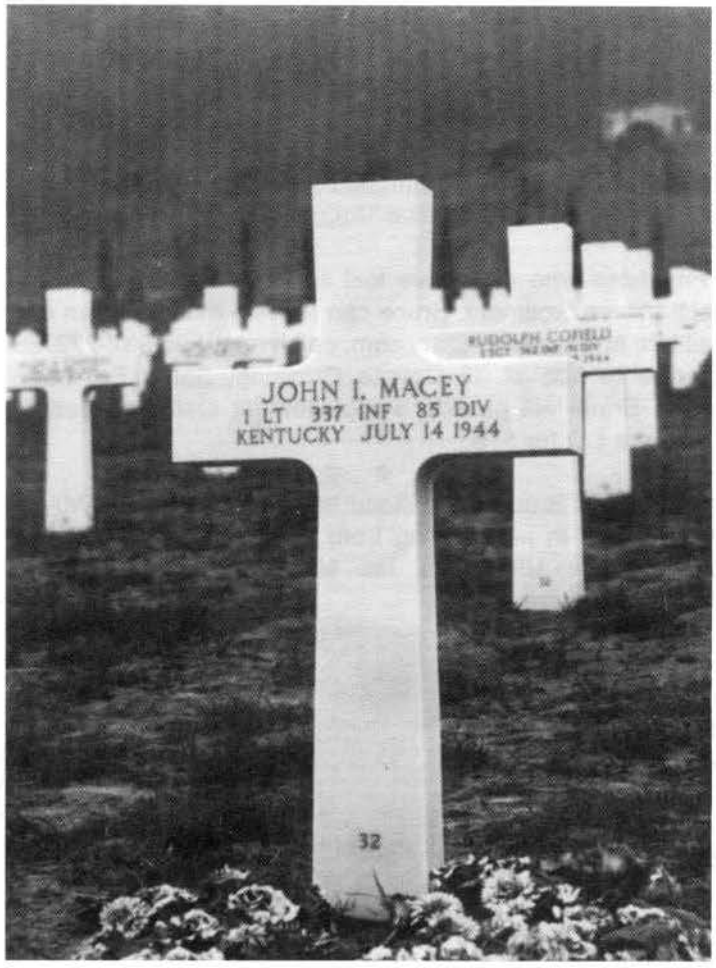
We thank the following people for their contributions to make this remembrance possible:

- ☆ **Anonymous**
- ☆ **Mr. and Mrs. Jack Field, `47**
- ☆ **James E. Sylvanus, `49.**
- ☆ Mrs. LeCompte K. Davis in memory of **2LT Robert Ast, `38**, who is buried in the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in Belgium.
- ☆ **W. B. Robinson** in memory of his first cousin, **PFC Charles R. Hanes, `32**, who is buried in the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery in Italy.
- ☆ **Leo Poole**, veteran of World War II, and his son, **Alan Poole, `67.**
- ☆ **Marianne Mathews Reissig** in memory of her father, **Lieutenant Colonel John Hubert Mathews, `27**, who is buried in the Normandy American Cemetery in France.

AMA alumni known to be buried overseas and the cemeteries in which they are buried are listed below:

Name	*Cemetery*
Captain James Klaus, `27	**Okinawa**
Lieutenant Colonel Hubert Mathews, `27	**Normandy***
Private First Class Charles Hanes, `32	**Sicily-Rome****
First Lieutenant John Macey, `33	**Florence****
Major Joseph Bell, `34	**Henri-Chapelle^**
Seaman James White, `37	**Sicily-Rome****
Second Lieutenant Robert Ast, `38	**Henri-Chapelle^**
First Lieutenant James McClatchey, `38	**Normandy***
Second Lieutenant Harry Smith, `39	**Florence****
Sergeant Matt Ransom, `42	**Cambridge^^**
Tech Sergeant Steve Vidnovic, `42	**Henri-Chapelle^**
Private First Class Don Higgins, `43	**Henri-Chapelle^**

The bodies of the AMA alumni killed in the war (listed to the right) were never recovered and their names are on "Walls of the Missing" at the listed American overseas cemeteries in the theater of the war where they perished for our freedom:



First Lieutenant John Macey, `33, lies in the Florence American Cemetery in Italy. His grave and the graves of all AMA alumni killed in World War II and buried overseas were decorated with flowers on Memorial Day 2005, 60 years after the war ended, through the generosity of AMA alumni and friends.

Name	*Cemetery*
Second Lieutenant Bill Montgomery, `29	**Cambridge^^**
Lieutenant Commander Spencer Wilson, `34	**Manila^^^**
Second Lieutenant Clarence Clymore, `37	**Manila^^^**
Staff Sergeant Emerald McNeer, `37	**Manila^^^**
First Lieutenant Thaddeus Jones, `39	**Manila^^^**
Private First Class Joseph Raleigh, `41	**Manila^^^**
Sergeant Claude Bradley, `43	**Normandy***
Sergeant Godfrey Wishart, `43	**Cambridge^^**
Corporal Charles Crummett, `44	**Manila^^^**

* France ** Italy ^ Belgium ^^ England ^^^ The Philippines

Bruce Nicholson scans yearbooks

Bruce Nicholson, `62, has been hard at work scanning *Recalls* from his era and making the finished products available in part on the AMA website and *in toto* with direct orders to him. So far, he has scanned the yearbooks from his class (1962) and from 1959, 1960 and 1961. *"It is a tedious task,"* he says, *"with some of the yearbooks running to 270 pages and more."* AMA Webmaster **B. J. d'Orsay, `70**, has put selected portions of each yearbook on AMAAlumni.org, the official Augusta Military Academy website.

For those who may have lost a yearbook and want an electronic replacement, Bruce can provide that. You can e-mail him at brucnichol@aol.com, call him at 505/982-2737, or write to him at 33 Coyote Crossing, Santa Fe, NM 87508. Bruce will provide a replacement electronic yearbook on a CD for $75.

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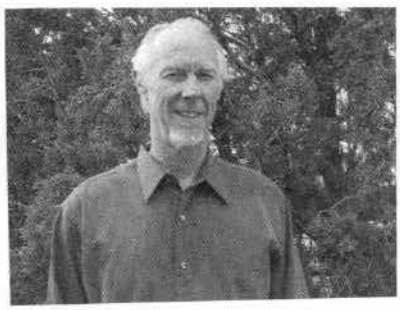
Where has Bruce been since he graduated from AMA? He got a BS in engineering from Case Western Reserve University in 1966 and his Master's in mechanical engineering from Purdue in 1967. He worked for Rockwell Aviation in Los Angeles 1968-70, then moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico where he has been since. He worked 26 years for the State of New Mexico Air Quality Bureau before retiring. He now has his own consulting firm: Air Quality Services, Inc.



Bruce at home in Santa Fe

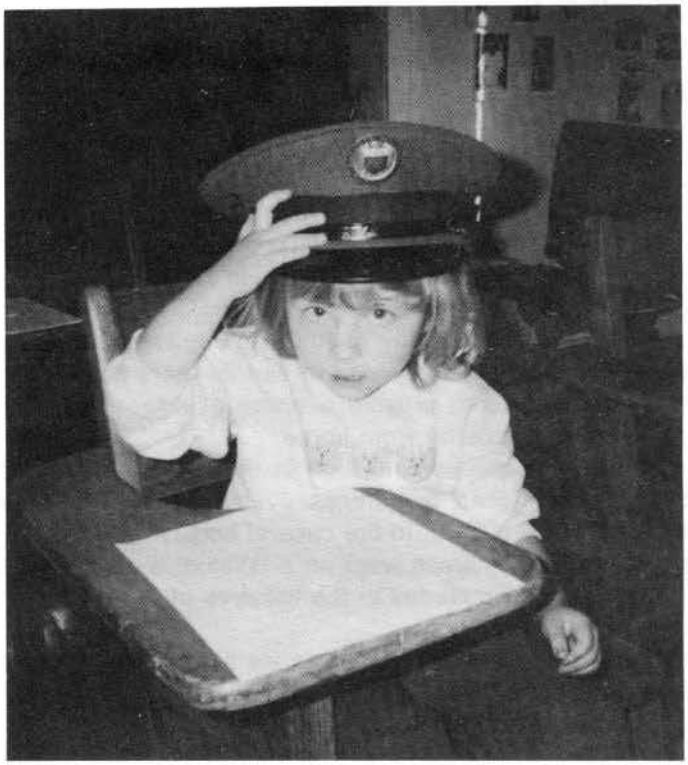
Bruce is married to Pat and they have three children. Casey runs an automotive repair business in Santa Fe, Shane works for Tokyo Electronics in Austin, Texas, and Vanessa has just started graduate school at the University of New Mexico's physical therapy unit.

We'll buy a scanner for you

if you'll agree to scan two or three yearbooks which are not yet on our website.

Yes, it's true! Don't have a scanner but want to help? No problem! The first four people who agree to scan at least two or three *Recalls* will get a FREE scanner and **Bruce Nicholson** will tell you how to do the scanning.

Interested? Then, contact Bruce at:
Brucnichol@aol.com
Many thanks!



READY TO LEARN - Five year old Shelby Clegg tries on a garrison cap while sitting at a desk in Colonel Hoover's classroom in the AMA Museum. Her grandfather is Sam Clegg, `60, and her father is in Iraq.

1960 AMA ring found in the UK

A British metal detecterist has located an AMA ring with the date 1960 inscribed on it and the name **Leigh Schlusemeyer.** Paul Butterley says he found the ring near Sleaford, Lincolnshire. If you know how to get in touch with Leigh, contact Mr. Butterley at: devilriding@aol.com, or phone him at: 01302844534 (international call). Also, please let **us** know. We have followed Leigh through countless address changes and now he is lost to us. If anyone has a good address for him, please advise the `60 Class Agent **Frank Williamson** at: Frank bev1@aol.com

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SPOTLIGHT on COL. RUTLAND BEARD

Earned Combat Infantryman Badge in three wars

There were only about 230 of them from the many millions who served in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Winners of the Combat Infantry Badge. An honor earned only when you either had been under fire for 30 consecutive days or were wounded or killed in less time than that. A badge that is worn above every other decoration except for the Medal of Honor, the CIB is is the most prized of all decorations that a combat infantryman can receive.

Earning the CIB once marks the wearer as a hero who has felt the effects of shot, shell and and bombardment where one can feel naked and defenseless under the onslaught. Now, imagine deserving this honor not in one war but three different wars.

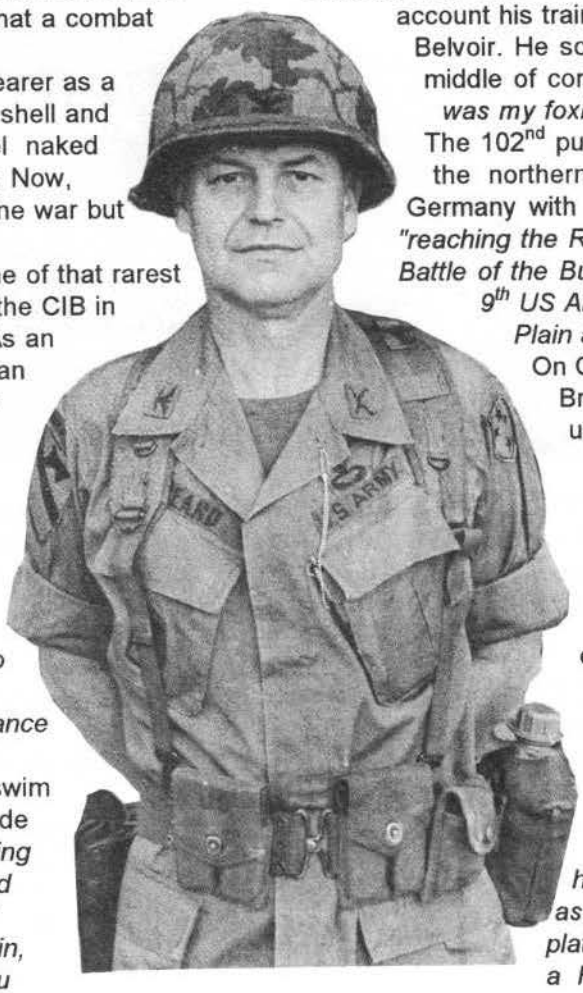
Colonel Rutland Beard, `42, is one of that rarest of all combat veterans, the holder of the CIB in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. As an Army enlisted man in WW II, and as an officer in Korea and Vietnam. But not just an officer: an infantry officer.

Rutland Beard grew up in Chevy Chase, Maryland and came to AMA for his last two years of high school. He says, *"I didn't think I was going to like AMA and my Dad said that it I really didn't want to go back after Christmas Holiday, I didn't have to go back. I didn't like it at first but then I couldn't wait to get back to Fort Defiance after the Christmas Holiday ended."*

He was on the fencing, track and swim teams, played JV basketball, and made the Honor Roll. *"I broke my nose trifling on the third stoop and the doctor told me not to engage in any activity that could cause me to hurt my nose again, so I went out for fencing because you wore a mask,"* he laughed. Rut roomed with **Wayne Wright** and **Dave Eborn** and they saw their world change after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in December of 1941, six months before Rut graduated.

He enrolled at VMI and was advised to get into the Army Reserve so that he would be able to complete his studies. At VMI, he encountered an upper classman whom he had defeated in a fencing match the year before. *"This guy really gave me a hard time,"* he recalls.

The Reserve was called up in 1943 and instead of marching about on the Parade Ground in Lexington, he found himself undergoing basic training at Fort Belvoir just outside Washington, D.C. He was enrolled in the ASTP (Army Specialized Training Program) at the University of Maryland and when the time came for assignment to a branch of the service, it was made easy: if your name started with A through M, you were in the infantry. So in September of 1944, Beard joined Company E, 102nd Infantry Division where he was the BAR man in a rifle company and later a demolitions expert which took into account his training at the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir. He soon found himself in Europe in the middle of combat: *"The first dead soldier I saw was my foxhole mate."*



Colonel Beard on his second tour in Vietnam as Brigade Commander, 196th Infantry Brigade, Americal Division, 23rd Inf Div.

The 102nd pushed through Holland and became the northernmost American division to enter Germany with the British 2nd Army on their left *"reaching the Roer River in December just as the Battle of the Bulge began, then spearheading the 9th US Army across the Roer[1] and Cologne Plain and on to the Rhine,"* Beard recalls.

On Christmas Eve of 1944, he earned a Bronze Star with V for laying mines under enemy fire. Crossing the Rhine at Wessel, the 102nd fought its way to the Elbe, 45 miles west of Berlin, arriving a few days after President Roosevelt died on 12 April 1945.

There they sat waiting for the Russians to approach from the east. Before the Red Army, a sea of German soldiers and civilians fled into the territory controlled by the Americans and British. *"As the Russians got closer, some of their artillery fell on our troops,"* says Beard, *"and then we started to have casualties from small arms fire as they approached the Elbe River. My platoon sergeant was shot and killed by a Russian bullet the day before the European war ended on 8 May 1945."* Rut's unit was assigned occupation duties and was preparing for deployment to the Pacific when two atomic bombs ended World War II on 15 August 1945. Beard had received his first Combat Infantryman Badge in October of 1944.

He returned to the States and married Lucille Stewart in 1946. Beard attended and graduated from the Foreign Service School at Georgetown University, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1948 and he and Lucille left for occupation duty in Japan in 1949 which is where they were when North Korea invaded South Korea on 25 June

[1] Beard wrote a poem about the Roer crossing. See page 44

1950. Rutland Beard, Jr. ("Chip") had been born in Walter Reed Army Hospital a few days after his father was commissioned in Washington.

The United Nations condemned the aggression of the North Koreans and President Truman determined that the United States would send troops to protect South Korea. Lieutenant Beard was assigned to the 7th Infantry Division in Japan which had trained with the Marines for amphibious operations and his unit was attached to the 1st Marine Division when General MacArthur's brilliant landing at Inchon took place which cut off the North Koreans who were in the Pusan Perimeter area from those north of the landing site. After liberating Seoul, the capital of South Korea, Rut's outfit received a Navy Presidential Unit Citation, an unusual honor for an Army unit.

FROM WORLD WAR II - L., Rutland Beard at the opening to a coal mine in Holland where *"we went to take a shower once a month before the offensive got under way in early 1945."* R., PFC Beard with a Russian lieutenant just after the war ended.

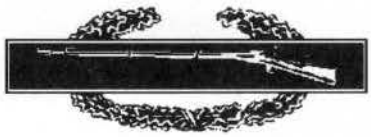
"The 7th Division was the only U.S. division to reach the Yalu River which was the border with Manchuria," says Beard, and it was in this area that the Chinese entered the war sending a huge force against the Americans on 26-27 November. *"When the Chinese slammed into our guys, another battalion lost a thousand men in the Chosen Reservoir with only six officers and 70 enlisted men surviving,"* Beard says. The Navy evacuated many troops caught in this attack for which a second Navy Presidential Unit Citation was given Rut's regiment, a most unusual honor indeed.

After a three-day pass to visit Lucille in Japan, Rut headed back to Korea. *"We crossed the 38th parallel*[2] *six times: three times going north and three times going south..."* By early 1951, Beard had been promoted to first lieutenant and was transferred to battalion headquarters *"which was hit by four 155 rounds of friendly fire which killed one of my good friends. He died in my arms, but these things happen in the fog of war."*

After service as a forward air controller and assistant S-3, Rut picked up Lucille in Japan and rotated back to the United States. He had received his second Combat Infantryman Badge on this tour in Korea in October 1950.

After an assignment to Indiantown Gap, Beard took part in nuclear warfare training in Nevada where he witnessed an 18 kiloton blast from 7,000 yards. His unit then moved to within 900 yards of ground zero where excessive radiation stopped their advance. In 1953, Beard was assigned to Trieste where he was able to take his family which now included David who had been born in Japan. When Italy and Yugoslavia clashed over control of Trieste, Beard was named convoy commander of a procession to evacuate all American dependents, including his family, 270 miles across Italy. That task completed, he was given command of one of two PT boats to patrol a 15 mile section of the Italian coastline to prevent any contraband from being landed to support the warring parties. When this crisis was settled, Beard was assigned to Berlin and promoted to captain. His family members were one of the first American dependents to occupy Berlin after the Berlin Airlift had been ended.

Now a company commander of A Company, 6th Infantry Regiment, he subsequently was assigned to the battalion staff and then was selected to be the aide-de-camp to General George Honnen, the U.S. Military Commander in Berlin. *"This gave me an opportunity to travel into the Russian Zone which most U.S. troops could not and would not want to do, and visit U.S. Army Headquarters in Heidelberg and the residence of General Anthony McAuliffe, the overall commander,"* he said.



Combat Infantryman Badge

The Beard family (which now included Jonathan who was born in Trieste and Kathe who was born in Berlin) headed back to the U.S. where he was assigned to the PMS&T staff at Ohio State. *"One of my students was Jack Nicklaus but he missed lots of classes apparently prefering golf to what I had to say."* After three years at Ohio State, Beard attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth where he was promoted to major, then to 2nd Division Headquarters at Fort Benning where he was promoted to lieutenant colonel in 1965. During the Cuban missile crisis, Colonel Beard wrote the plan for a regimental combat team to invade Cuba *"and we were sure that the invasion was going ahead."* But the crisis passed and now he turned to preparations for his partici-

[2] The dividing line between North and South Korea.

pation in his third war in less than two decades.

Beard was on orders to Vietnam in 1963 when he was reassigned to participate in a two year experiment of an airmobile concept of maneuvering troops by helicopter. This led to the creation of the 1st Air Cavalry Division and its deployment to Vietnam in 1965. Beard had gone ahead with an advance party and when the 1st Cav arrived, he became a battalion commander. *"Actually, I commanded two different battalions and was a brigade deputy commander during my 1965-66 tour in Vietnam,"* he says. On this tour, he earned his third CIB and twice declined to receive a Silver Star. (*"My battalion adjutant (S-1) was ordered by the brigade CO to put me in for a Silver Star on two different occasions. I informed him that I was only doing my job as a battalion CO and that the rifle company `grunts' were the ones who should be decorated."*) Beard was decorated with the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with palm by a Vietnamese general after an operation in the Central Highlands in 1966, the highest award of that decoration.

IN KOREA - 1st Lieutenant Beard at his battalion CP north of the 38th parallel on 15 April 1951. When he first went to Korea, he was a platoon leader in Company G, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Division. Later, he was Assistant S-3, 2nd Battalion of the 32nd age 26.

WHAT ARE THE ODDS?

With only 230 men in history who have won a Combat Infantryman Badge in three wars, what are the odds that Augusta Military Academy would have two such heroes?

In addition to Colonel Beard, Colonel Joe Wasco, `41, also earned the CIB in three wars. Beard said he had not seen Wasco since 1941 when they encountered each other on the beach in Tuy Wa, Vietnam in 1966. Wasco's battalion (which he commanded in the 101st Airborne) was attached to the airborn e brigade in which Beard commanded an airborne battalion. *"Subsequently, we saw each other several times,"* says Beard.

Colonel Wasco now lives in Union Bridge, Maryland.

Colonel Beard came back to the States in 1966 and was assigned to the Special Operations Command at McDill Air Force Base. *"There, I got in lots of jump time and was able to end my military career as a master parachutist,"* he says. Beard went to the War College at Carlisle Barracks, was promoted to full colonel and assigned to the Pentagon where he immediately began to lobby for command of a brigade, preferably in combat. He got his wish in 1971 and headed back to Vietnam where he took command of the largest brigade in the U. S. Army composed of 7,000 men organized into four battalions, an armored cavalry squadron, a ranger unit, two artillery battalions and even a dog unit with handlers. When the Marines left Da Nang, Colonel Beard's unit (the 196th Infantry Brigade of the 23rd Americal Division) took their place.

After six months, Beard joined the staff of General Creighton Abrams to prepare plans for the redeployment of all U.S. forces (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard) to the U.S. Back in Washington, Colonel Beard was assigned to the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff where he served for three years. His last assignment was to an army "think tank" in Bethesda, Maryland with the mission of standardizing doctrine for all forces in NATO (which also eventually included SEATO).[3] Colonel Beard retired in 1978 after 36 years on active duty, one of just 230 men to have earned a CIB in three wars. In 1984, that group held a reunion at Fort Benning where some 180 veterans were able to make it. Their names are carved in brass in the Infantry Museum. After he retired, Beard worked for the National Methodist Church Office in Washington, DC for six years. He and Lucille have lived in Potomac, Maryland since 1977, a change from the beginning of his military career when he moved 26 times in 24 years! *"AMA started me on the right path,"* says Colonel Beard. *"It was there that I learned discipline which prepared me for what was to come. I owe AMA a lot."*

[3] NATO is the North Atlantic Treaty Organization created by the U.S. and its allies as a buffer to Soviet expansion in Europe. SEATO, the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, had the same purpose as a buffer to Chinese expansion the Pacific.

The Crossing of the Roer

This poem was written by Rutland Beard in late 1944 just after his unit crossed the Roer River.

The town was Linnick on the Roer
Smashed by the destructive fist of war.
Buildings lay ripped and shattered in heaps,
Men flirted with death while on the streets.

We moved in at dusk, tired and young,
Dogfaces, sure, heroes often unsung,
To find a cellar for twenty-six men,
Something personal to call our den.

Rutland Beard, 1942 *Recall*

We had about eight full hours to spare,
For me no time will ever compare
To the years spent in the dampness and stink
Where one could talk or sleep or think.

The time flew fast, most were calm;
I prayed, read the Twenty-third Psalm.
Some smoked and laughed, other slept.
I looked through my wallet at the pictures I'd kept.

Then the alert, the platoons moved out –
Stay here – oh! to cry or shout.
Some excuse, anything to do, stay behin'
Let the others go forward to the line.

Say what you want, an odd combination,
Not noble or thinking – flag of the nation.
But a mixed feeling of fear and pride –
I wanted to live, so many had died.

Out through the mess in low silhouette
To our positions, `til all was set.
It was cold that black February night
Brightened by shell and rocket light.

The warmth I had was caused by fear –
My thoughts were of things I cherished dear.
The signal! Up out of the holes we sped,
Oh, God! save us from that hot, flying lead.

Into the boats, those flat wooden crates,
In the space of minutes we were all shipmates.
Finally, the shore, in the very first wave
The ground was hard, for some the grave.

"*Oh medic, medic, you with the M-one,*
Please help me soldier, I'm not done"
Someone was screaming, he'd really been hit.
Something gnawed in my stomach pit.

AMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT GARRY GRANGER, `71, presides at the Saturday luncheon in our gym.

Stop thinking, thinking, move on.
The sun is rising, bringing the dawn.
Stay off the road, it's swept by fire.
Where's the torpedoes to blow the wire?

Oh, what a bilious, sickening smell.
This couldn't be real, this living hell.
All the long day our unit went,
Depleted by men whose lives were spent.

At last! The objective. Gevenich on the hill.
It did give one an upward thrill.
Then the messenger brought the report –
The bridge is out... no armor support.

Despite the dreaded awaited fact
We took the town almost intact.
Slowly came the dawn of the second day –
It looked for sure we were here to stay.

I thanked the Lord `cause we were through.
Everyone did, you would have too.
I thought of those who couldn't share
The little known victory we had there.

I thought of the miles that lay ahead –
How many more would soon be dead.
Then... I prayed for the rivers no more
That could be like the Crossing of the Roer.

Paris to Atlanta

Rick Smail's final flight as a Delta pilot

When **Rick Smail, `67**, made his final flight as a Delta Airlines captain of a giant B-777, he wanted his family along for the ride. And what a ride it was!

Starting in Cincinnati on Sunday 24 April, Rick and his family went off to Paris. His mother, his wife, his two oldest sons and their wives, his sister, his brother and his brother's wife all were on board. One of Rick's sons, Zachary, flies for Sky West, a regional airline supporting Delta and United, and he was with his Dad in the cockpit.

"We left Cincinnati at 7 PM and arrived in Paris at 9:30 Monday morning, " Rick recalls. *"Several in the group had not been to Paris before so the question was, how do you see Paris in a day?"*

The answer: by bicycle. They spent the day learning about Paris with Fat Tire Bike Tours with Rick's oldest son, Bryan, pedaling the tandem with his 80 year old grandmother along for the ride. *"We finished the ride about 7 PM, had some dinner and fell into bed around 11,"* Rick says. They were back up in time for some French pastries before they left for the airport. *"We departed Paris at 11 AM and arrived in Atlanta about 3:30 PM,"* Rick relates.

THE FAMILY ALL TOGETHER - Rick Smail, `67, had all his family on board for his last flight. L. to r., Zach who is a Sky West pilot and who accompanied his Dad in the cockpit for the final flight, Zach's wife Nicole, Rick's wife Mary Ann, Rick, Rick's sister Markay Scott, his sister-in-law and brother Karen and David Smail, son Bryan, Rick's Mom Lynn, and Bryan's wife, Katherine.

Rick says he feels like he lived a charmed career, ending as a pilot of "the queen of the sky," the B-777. *"I have flown into almost every Delta city from Tampa to Tokyo, Bozeman to Bombay, Indianapolis to Istanbul, Missoula to Moscow, and Hartford to Honolulu. But surprising though it may seem, my favorite flying was bouncing around the West between Salt Lake City and the small towns in Idaho and Montana in a 727, my first love."*

Smail said that he wanted to be a pilot from his earliest memory. *"Retiring four years early seems very strange, but for personal reasons it was the right thing for me to do. I'm certainly not going to just play golf every day. I have lived one of life's great adventures and I'm off in search of the next one."*

Immediately after his retirement trip, Rick came to the reunion, then went on the trip with the Roller Riders.

NFL says no to Dick Nolan's son

Dick Nolan, `50, always wore a coat and tie on the sidelines when he coached the San Francisco 49ers from 1968 through 1975.

Now, Dick's son, Mike, is the 49er head coach and he petitioned the National Football League to let him wear a suit on the sidelines as a way of honoring his Dad. But the NFL said no. Mike said he thinks a coat and tie *"looks respectful and shows who is in charge. I am looking at pictures of my Dad all over my office, and I thought, `I'm going to dress like my Dad did,' but they have told me I can't."*

Apparently, the NFL would like their coaches to look more like Bill Belichick and less like Tom Landry (for whom Dick Nolan worked as an assistant coach in Dallas)

Overseas alums asked to help with mail costs

With overseas airmail rates continuning to climb, the AMA Alumni Foundation is asking for help in defraying these costs. **Ed Click, `50**, who maintains the AMA mailing list, has told overseas recipients of *The Bayonet* that the air mail rates now total $7.00 for each copy. *"We will have to use surface mail instead of international air mail for future mailings,"* he has told the overseas alumni in a letter.

The U.S. Postal Service estimates that it will take four to six weeks for international surface mail to be delivered. For a $20 annual donation to the AMA Alumni Foundation, *The Bayonet* will still be sent by air mail to international addresses, Click says.

A letter also went to some 110 U.S. addressees who have had no recorded contact with the alumni association for ten years or more. That letter asks if the recipients want to continue receiving *The Bayonet* and provides a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a reply. Those not responding by 9 August will be taken off the mailing list.

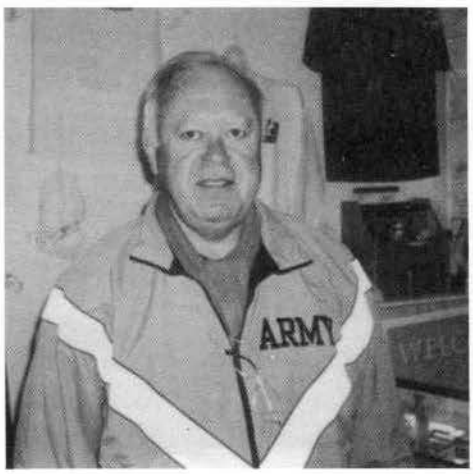
To contact Ed Click, e-mail him at: edwin.click@gmail.com

WEST AND EAST - Shawn Ogimachi, `77, from California with David Spencer, `76, who lives in Afton, Virginia, in front of the Big Room.

MORE `70'S - Ralph Veney, `78, visits the AMA Museum with his wife, Joy, and son, Matthew.

Colonel A. T. Reed, `55, visits the campus. The Class of 1955 celebrated its 50th anniversary at this year's reunion.

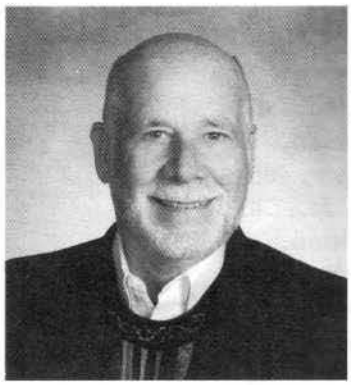
Colonel Reed lives in Las Vegas. Glad to have you back on campus, sir!



Rob Overly, `62, is named President of the Frank Gates Company

Robinson M. Overly, `62, has been promoted to President of the Frank Gates Companies, Inc., a privately held national holding company made up of four business segments and ten subsidiaries with headquarters in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Recently, Overly had been Executive Vice President and since 1994 was Director of Operations for the Western Region of Gates. He has been with the company since 1967 and on the Board of Directors since 1970.



Robinson M. Overly

Overly graduated from the Ohio Police Officers Academy and Ohio State University. He is the past president of the Ohio Employer Services Association and a member of the Ohio State University President's Club. He is married to Lorna and they have three children: Robyn, Brynne and Dana.

Rob Overly, 1962 *Recall*

At AMA, he marched in the Roller Rifles, was on the Color Guard, ran track and was a cheerleader. He was elected to Ad Astra per Aspera his senior year. Overly came to Augusta from Columbus, Ohio.

The Frank Gates Companies have 38 offices located in major cities around the country serving all 50 states. Their business segments include claims administration, managed care, software development and insurance services. Gates' client base of 100,000 includes members of the Fortune 500, large employer groups and small family owned companies.

Bill Parkins, `70, honored by VMI Athletic Department

Bill Parkins, `70, has received a great tribute from Virginia Military Institute where he is recognized as the Keydets' number one fan.

Though he never attended VMI, Bill became a fan when he went to a VMI home football game game with **Jim McDowell, `50**, in 1972. Thirty-three 33 years later, Bill has been honored for his devotion to the red, white and yellow. This past fall, he saw every VMI home football game and made 11 out of 14 home basketball games.

The VMI Basketball Pro-gram presented Bill with the James Chadwick Kenna Award given to athletes or big supporters of VMI's athletic program. The VMI coaching staff and players vote on the award and Bill proudly accepted the tribute at a basketball luncheon in Lexington this past April.

"To receive an award like this is overwhelming," he says. *"I give all the credit to the great head coach and athletic director Jesus Christ."*

When Bill's nephew received his class ring in 1977, he gave it to Bill who wears it proudly. *"The ring has an inscription that says `Honor above self,'"* he says. His nephew's VMI Class of 1977 even adopted Bill and he attends all of their reunions. And Bill Parkins is a member of the Keydet Club athletic boosters.

ALL VMI - Bill Parkins, in his bright red VMI jacket, and Frank Spencer, `49, watch the Roller Rifles.

VMI Athletic Director Wade Branner says that *"Bill embodies everything the award stands for. He has an un-wavering devotion to our program, win or lose. He knows our players and supports them on and off the court."*

Staunton vital to Confederacy during the Civil War period

From the Staunton News-Leader

At the start of the Civil War the residents of Staunton numbered four thousand. The town was home to three banks, two newspapers, three hotels, and approximately eighty businesses. For a small Southern town, Staunton had more than its share of modern conveniences – gas street lights and a telegraph office, for example.

Staunton was also a manufacturing center, boasting Hardy's Wagon Works, a woolen factory, and a boot and shoe factory. The Virginia Central Railroad carried Staunton goods beyond the Valley, and five stage coach lines carried passengers to and from Staunton.

Staunton was known for its thriving educational institutions as well. Four institutions, The Augusta Female Seminary (now Mary Baldwin College), the Virginia Female Institute (now Stuart Hall), the Wesleyan Female Institute, and the Staunton Male Academy, were well established before the start of the war.

During the war, Staunton was vital to Confederate operations in the Valley. It was designated as an Army depot, a quartermaster and commissary post, and a center for both

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If you are NOT on last year's list and you haven't given yet in 2005, please remember that our needs are ongoing and they are **NOW**. The expenses of the AMA Legacy Scholarship and VMI Scholarship Funds, the AMA Alumni House/Museum, and The Bayonet are ongoing. We have checks to write every month.

As we always say - look into your heart and decide what AMA means to you.

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Staunton *from page 47*

the training and mobilizing of troops. In the later years of the war, temporary military encampments were set up on the outskirts of town and Confederate soldiers roamed the streets – often begging for food.

The town's Institute for the Deaf, Dumb & Blind[1] was quickly converted to a hospital, treating Confederate and well as Union prisoners of war. In July of 1863 alone, the Staunton hospital treated 8,390 soldiers.

Throughout the war, Confederate guards marched Union prisoners through the streets of Staunton on their way to the railroad station, where they would be sent by train to Richmond. Three captured Union generals, Harney, Kelley, and Crook,

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[1] After the War, AMA's founder **Charles S. Roller, Sr.** briefly managed this institution.

Meek to meet in San Diego

Chris Meek, `84, will be traveling to San Diego in early August for training in the AVID program which will begin next fall in his middle school in Wilmington, NC.

AVID is a program that targets the *"middle of the road kids who might otherwise fall though the cracks,"* he says. *"It is a support program where skills such as note taking will be taught. The program also teaches students to take responsibility for getting better grades and being accepted into college."*

Meek teaches 7th and 8th grade science and social studies at Williston Middle School in Wilmington.

Judge Purcell in Louisa, VA

Judge H. H. Purcell, `37, was a circuit court judge in the 16th Judicial District and served two terms in the Virginia State Senate.

Judge Purcell practiced law in Louisa before going on the bench. His judicial district included Charlottesville and eight surrounding counties.

A graduate of the University of Virginia Law School, His Honor has two children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He served in the Army during World War II entering as a private and being discharged with the rank of captain.

Mark your 2006 calendar 27-28-29 April Reunion 2006

HALF A CENTURY LATER - The Class of 1955 back for their 50th anniversary. L. to r., Bill Johnson, Ed Burke, T. C. Lea, Jack Meier and George Desroche.

IN THE HOSPITALITY TENT - Enjoying the evening together are Tracie Iglesis, Dave Conrad, `59, George Holt, `60, and Louie Iglesis, `59.

CAN YOU HELP US IN STAUNTON OR RICHMOND?

We need folks who will do some research in the Staunton and Richmond libraries on the founder of AMA, Professor Roller, and the early days of the school which became our AMA. If you can help, contact Duke Fancher at 540/248-3007.

Ian McKnight, `70, is focused and fired up

By AnnMarie Cornejo

From the San Luis Obispo Tribune

Ian McKnight's hands fearlessly grip the cold steel of the handgun. A steady drum of rifle and pistol fire surrounds him. But his body is relaxed.

As range master at the San Luis Obispo (CA) Sportsmen's Association Public Shooting Complex, McKnight is accustomed to the sound of gunfire. He can even tell what type of gun was fired amid the constant noise.

Men, women and supervised children can practice their shooting skills at the range, said McKnight who has worked at the range for the last three years as a private contractor. His daily responsibilities include ensuring the safety and security of guests and educating people about gun safety.

McKnight offers lessons throughout the work day and privately. He also gives lessons to local police officers and sheriff's deputies charging $100 for a six or seven hour class on concealed weapons. *"Business is steady,"* he says with many women coming in to get self-defense lessons from him. Families visit the range for sport and the range offers a youth program. *"Parents want to educate kids about firearms,"* he says. *"Parents are becoming more aware that education works."*

The terrace hillside off California Highway 1 is riddled with bullets, red clay fragments and vegetable matter. Dirt mounds mark the range's distance in yards. Paper targets with green human silhouettes are placed between 100 and 300 yards from the 13 men armed with loaded rifles. Metal targets are scattered throughout the course and so are golf balls. A dirt cutout, almost 5,000 feet away, is carved into the hillside with a white target that is barely visible. Skilled shooters can hit these targets with ease.

Ian McKnight, 1970 *Recall*

The persistent thunder of shots is muffled by hearing protection. The jarring sound reverberates through the otherwise peaceful setting in 20 minute increments. A one minute "cease fire" allows shooters to replace their targets.

McKnight takes the sport of shooting seriously. He owns rifles, pistols and shotguns but for him, safety is the most critical issue. *"If you are going to buy a gun, you need to get some kind of training,"* said McKnight. *"People with guns can be dangerous if they do not know what they are doing."*

McKnight's background includes formal training at Augusta Military Academy and years of competitive shooting with the Cowboy Action Shooters. He is also a member of the California Rangemasters Association. As range master, McKnight is responsible for the safety of dozens of people

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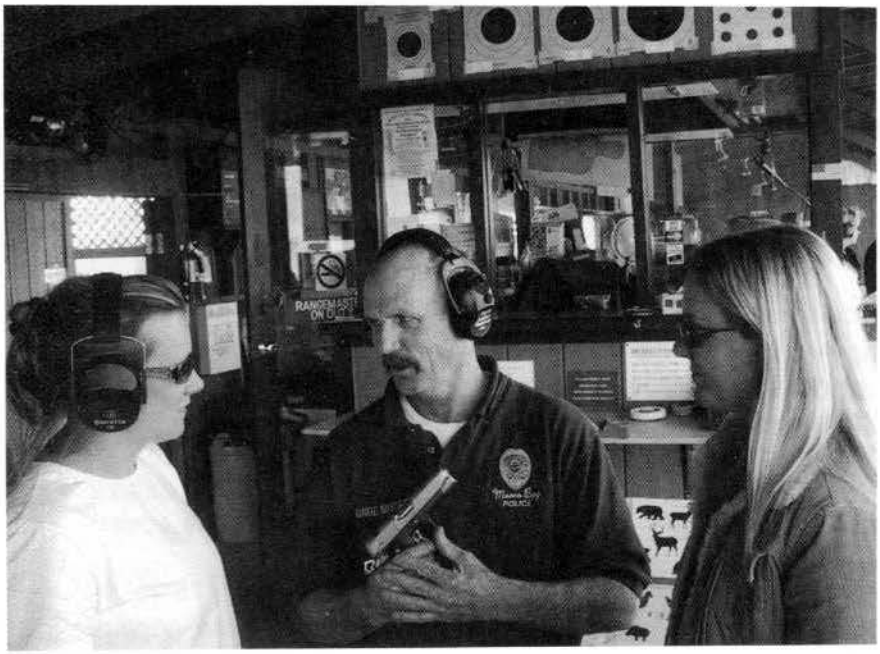

HOLD YOUR FIRE - Ian McKnight, `70, teaches gun safety at a public shooting complex in San Luis Obispo, California.

Sergeant Studer also teaches firearm safety

Master Sergeant Don Studer has been teaching firearm safety courses in Augusta County, Staunton and Waynesboro for a number of years.

"The courses are usually nine hours in length and cover a multiple range of topics," he says. The program is sponsored by the local parks and recreation centers in the Augusta County area. Recently, Channel 3 stopped by on the first night of a class that Studer was teaching in Staunton.

"The first night involves personal safety so the students don't become victims of a crime," he says. *"The second night is about firearm safety, responsibility, and how to select a firearm. The third night is devoted to firearm laws, how to obtain a concealed handgun permit, and the legal use of deadly force."*

Sergeant Studer says that he feels the classes are necessary *"so that the students realize the awesome responsibility they assume if they decide to protect themselves or their families be it with a gun or a baseball bat."*

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* New board member

Additional space discussed at AMA Alumni board meeting

The possibility of obtaining additional space on the AMA campus was discussed at the April meeting of the AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors and later at the AMA Alumni Foundation Board of Trustees meeting.

Director **Gordon Metz, `68**, wondered if the Pentecostal Church, our landlord, would make some additional space available, possibly in Davis Hall (F Troop), where the highly successful World War II display can be moved when it is replaced with an exhibition honoring AMA alumni who served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. The additional space could also be used for other purposes. A request will be made to the landlord to consider favorably such a request.

President Garry Granger, `71, said that at the next board meeting scheduled for 24 September an effort will be made to ratify the responsibilities of the AMA Alumni Association and the AMA Alumni Foundation. He pointed out that the Foundation was created so that tax deductible contributions can support the AMA and VMI Scholarship Funds, the museum and *The Bayonet*. He said that the alumni association has responsibility for the annual reunion and the operation of the PX, both potential profit centers.

Vice President Frank Williamson, `60, said that while the golf tournament, Silent Auction and the "Tower of Power" will make money, *"We expect to just break even on the reunion which is our plan."* He announced that Reunion 2006 will be held 27-28-29 April and that there will be no Hospitality Tent but rather a large Hospitality Room at the Holiday Inn which will be better than a tent *"when the weather can be so cold and rainy in April."*

Granger was renominated to serve as President of the Association and **Frank Spencer, `49**, was renominated as AMA Chaplain. Williamson, **Secretary Clyde Ramsey, `49**, and **Treasurer John Hash, `75**, resigned, Ramsey on account of health and Hash because of the press of his business.

Elected Vice President was **Luke Snyder, `60**, as secretary **Steve Trent, `70**, and as treasurer **Bob Harris, `54**. Harris also will serve as treasurer of the AMA Alumni Foundation as an *ex officio* voting trustee. Previously at the annual membership meeting, two new board members were elected: **Brett Thompson, `75**, and **Chris Meek, `84**

SAY CHEESE! - New officers of the AMA Alumni Association pose after having been elected at the reunion. L. to r., new Vice President Luke Snyder, `60, new Treasurer Bob Harris, `54, reelected President Garry Granger, `71, new Secretary LTC Steve Trent, `70, and reelected Chaplain Frank Spencer, `49.

Photo by Victor Gomez, `69

President Granger emphasized that fund raising is a continuing priority. *"It is something we can never let up on as the need for money is persistent and constant,"* he said. *"Just as in any business or household, we have obligations every month. Bills that must be paid, summer, winter, spring or fall. We ask that all friends of AMA look into their hearts and not only give what they can, but urge other alumnni and AMA friends to do likewise."*

Snyder suggested that silent action bids be increased a minimum of ten per cent in the last hour of bidding. Metz said that volunteers need to document the hours they devote to AMA and those hours should be recorded for historical purposes.

Do you have movies of your time at AMA?

The AMA Museum is collecting movies that were taken while the school was in operation.

"We are hearing from former cadets and faculty members who are transferring their old 8mm AMA motion pictures to DVDs to protect the constantly diminishing quality of the fragile film," says museum volunteer **Duke Fancher, `58**. *"The AMA museum is asking that people with 8mm film of cadet life at AMA burn an extra copy of what they have so that we can add it to the museum's collection. We know that some have transferred their movie film to VHS tapes and they are now saving this material on DVDs. We ask that you remember the museum when you are saving these pricesless memories so that we will have this material for all to see far into the future."*

Q: When does AMA need money?

A: You're kidding, right?

Attention all alumni who were *Bayonet* editors or writers

Did you once edit or write for *The Bayonet* when the school was open?

If you enjoyed it and are looking for something positive to do, we can surely use help in writing the current incarnation of *The Bayonet*. You will see a number of by-lined articles in this issue. I very much appreciate this invaluable help. Are you willing to help? Let me know! - *The Editor*

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The Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc. plans and executes annual alumni reunions, operates the PX, sponsors special events, and supports other "for profit" ventures.

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The Association has a Board of Directors consisting mainly of, but not limited to, alumni of AMA.

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The AMA Alumni Foundation

The Augusta Military Academy Alumni Foundation, Inc. supports the AMA Legacy Scholarship Fund, the VMI Scholarship Fund, the AMA Museum, the maintenance of the alumni mailing lists, and the publishing and distribution of *The Bayonet.*

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There is an annual election of Trustees and officers at the annual reunions. Trustees may be AMA alumni, but are not required to be.

* Check with your financial advisor to determine your state's tax rules

Foundation considers new financial practices

The Augusta Military Academy Alumni Foundation Board of Trustees met in Staunton on the first day of May and took the first steps to redesign and implement procedures and practices that would satisfy the most critical outside eyes.

New Finance Committee Chairman **Dr. Richard Whitaker, `72**, proposed measures to require bonding of those handling funds while providing D&O insurance for trustees. The committee will have an Audit Subcommittee which will do an annual audit of Association and Foundation funds. In addition to Whitaker, other members of the Finance Committee are **Rod Willey, `51**, and **Jeff Schroeder, `67**.

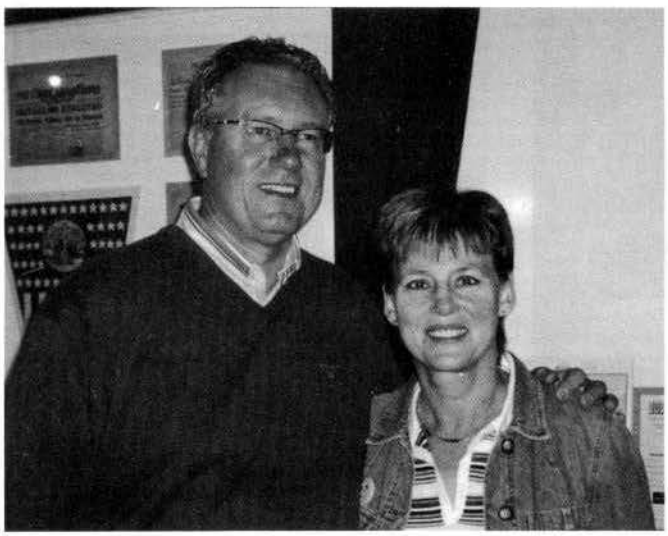
Under the by-laws of both organizations, the individual elected treasurer serves in that capacity for both the Association and the Foundation. **Bob Harris, `54**, is the newly elected treasurer.

The Finance Committee made recommendations about the maintenance of checking and investment accounts including the requirement for a minimum reserve in all accounts. The minimum balance in the money market account is to be at least $4,000 with the maximum permitted $15,000 with any excess transferred to an investment fund. The trustees approved the Finance Committee recommendations unanimously.

The trustees also voted to present plaques to **Clyde Ramsey, `49**, and **John Hash, `75**, for their services as secretary and treasurer respectively.

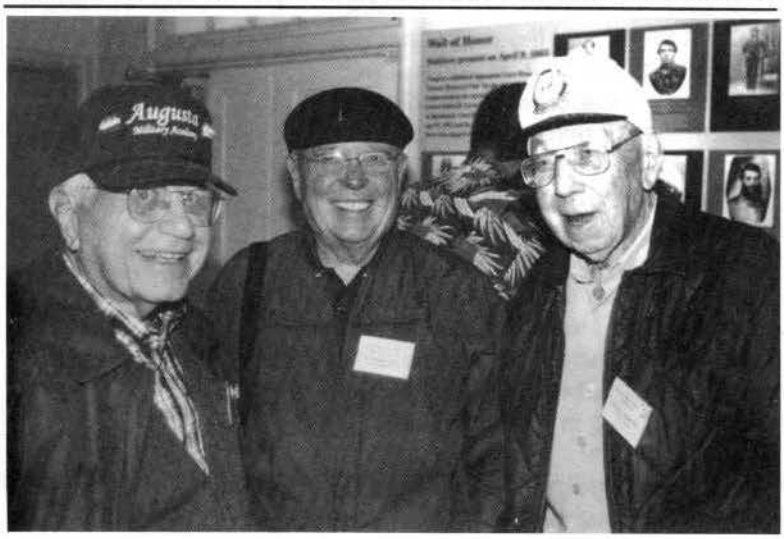
Gordon Metz, `68,** urged the Foundation to address the storage of retired museum exhibits such as the World War II display. Metz and Foundation Chairman **Goodloe Saunders, `57, will discuss this with representatives of the Pentecostal Church, our landlord.

The trustees noted the absence of **Duke Fancher, `58**, and expressed the hope that his health will soon permit his full return to his many valuable services to AMA.



LONG WAY FROM HOME - The Riadegasts from The Netherlands saw the new signs on I-81 and came to visit the museum. *"Beautiful,"* was their rating.

FOUNDATION TRUSTEES - The AMA Alumni Foundation Board of Trustees met on Sunday 1 May. Above, Gordon Metz, `68, Frank Williamson, `60, Rod Willey, `51, Chairman Goodloe Saunders, `57, seated is Gary Nicholson, `70, Bob Bradford, `50, Garry Granger, `71, Bob Harris, `54, and Dr. Richard Whitaker, `72, Chairman of the Finance Committee.



AT APPOMATTOX - Julian Quarles, `35, Bill Rubush, `49, and George Adam, `35, on the trip to the Civil War historical site. Julian and George represented the oldest class at the reunion celebrating 70 years since they graduated. WOW!

Q: When does AMA need money?
A: You're kidding, right?

In Vietnam

AMA was the reason I lived through Nam

By Rich Cunnare, `65

When I showed up in Vietnam with the 45th Med Company, I was assigned to Major Luce's platoon. It worked out great and we are still friends today.

Richard Cunnare, 1965 *Recall*

What made the meeting so strange is that he wanted men who would heal, then go back and fight. The day before, he had been shot down on a hoist mission and had survived be-cause his crew fought off the VC all night. I told Major Luce I would do the same.

When I first interviewed with him, he asked about my background and I told him I had gone to AMA. He quickly informed me that he had been aide to General George Marshall and that Marshall had roomed with **General Roller** at VMI. I told the major that we had heard about that at AMA. Luce installed me as a crew chief, told me he expected big things of me, and we never looked back.

Major Luce thought that AMA was a special place and he expected special things from me.

God, I was so scared. Here Major Luce had been shot down on his first mission in country and it's hard to work for a magnet ass. Out of 20 men who started out in our unit, we lost nine killed and nearly everyone wounded in one way or another. Those of us who survived communicate on a regular basis and have a deep love for each other.

What AMA did for me was to define who I was and how I lived my life. If you remember, General Roller served in World War One evacuating the wounded from the battlefields of that

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From Colonel Hoover's attic

After Colonel Hoover passed away, family members turned over to the Alumni Association many boxes of photos and slides which had been stored in the colonel's attic. Most had no information to identify them.

Who is the fellow at the typewriter, left? And who are the two guys in civies on a winter's day, below?

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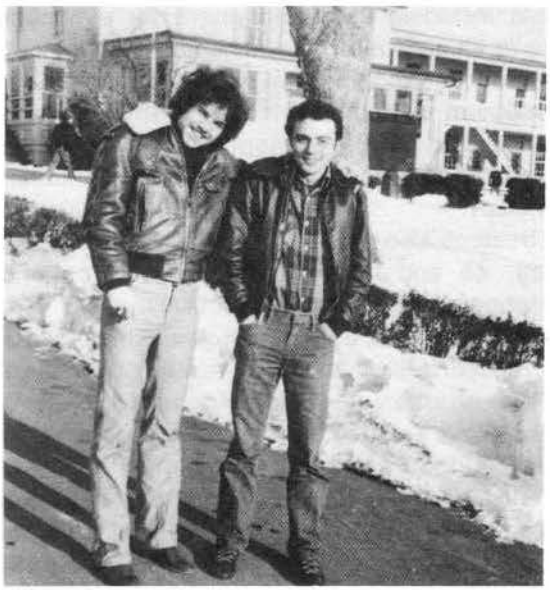
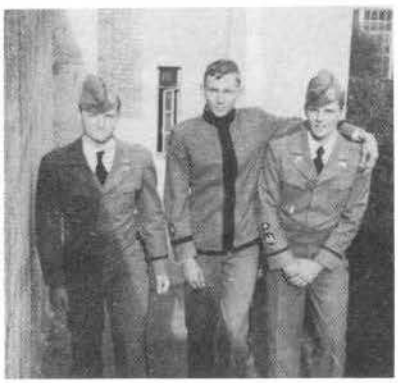
In the last issue, we printed the two photos, below.

The three cadets in the photo are **Bob Broussard, John Mosier** and **Brian Gardner**. The picture was taken in 1950 on the steps next to the Big Room leading to The Garden.





Above, right, is First Year Cadet **Phil O'Connor, `67**, who came to AMA from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

This old house needs a good paint job

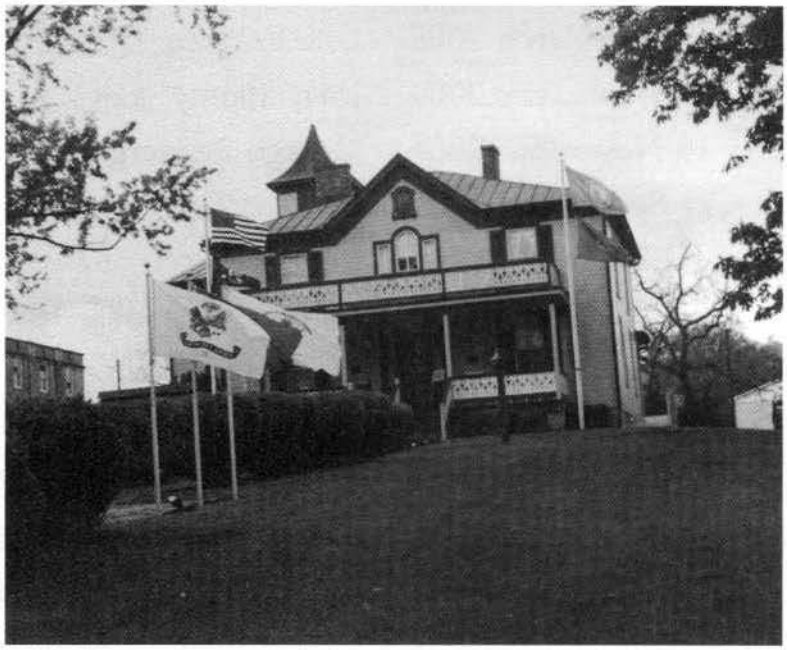
As we were told when the old Roller-Robinson House was turned into the AMA Alumni/House Museum, the place will need a professional caulking and paint job every few years. The time has come to get the brushes ready!

The house is now painted in its original colors and the refurbishment took special care to match the original.

It will cost about $6,450 for the entire job which includes some scraping and other prep and the painting of all exterior surfaces and the trim.

Ben Zinkhan, `60, has negotiated to get the best price while assuring that a professional, long lasting job is done. *"We don't want to cut corners and later have problems,"* he says.

AMA alumni already have contributed $2,800 toward the painting project and so an additional $3,650 is needed to begin the undertaking.



So - that's the goal: **$3,650** more, and soon. The rains have slowed down in the Valley and now is the time to get the painting done. We want the House to be at its very best during the tourist season and in the beauty of the autumn.

To help, make a *tax deductible* contribution to the AMA Alumni Foundation in any amount. If you would like to make a significant contribution in honor of someone living or in memory of someone no longer with us, we will be delighted to note this in the next *Bayonet*.

The need is now. We want to get this underway as soon as the money is in the bank. We look forward to your support and to keeping our AMA Alumni House/Museum the pristine beauty it is.

If you want more details, you can talk directly with Foundation Chairman **Goodloe Saunders, `57**, or Zinkhan at 540/248-3007.

Do you have a double-belled euphonium in your basement?

The AMA Museum is looking for band instruments, preferably ones that were used at AMA during its time of operation.

The latest acquisition is a tuba donated by **Richard Smoot, `53**. *"We would like to have some more band instruments to display,"* says **Master Sergeant Don Studer**. These would help complement a display of trophies won by the great AMA Bands over the years.

If you have a glockenspiel hanging in your garage or are using a snare drum as a coffee table, consider donating or lending it to the museum. Do please contact Sergeant Studer at 540/248-3007 before delivery.

You can't play tennis with soggy balls, so

the tennis match during Reunion 2005 had to be scrubbed. At the time the event was scheduled on Friday, the rain was coming down and the combination of slippery footing and dead tennis balls called for a cancelation. The Sporting Clay shoot on Saturday drew only two participants because of the threatening weather.

Tennis was the only outdoor casualties during Reunion 2005. Golfers played through the rain and the visitors to Appomattox had to dodge some raindrops, but the Roller Rifles got through their outdoor performance without a single drop of rain falling.

The rain also held off during Founders Day ceremonies on the campus and in the Augusta Stone Church Cemetery. **Mal Livick, Jr., `75**, gave the Founders Day address.

Later, a wreath was laid at the Roller obelisk under sullen skies.

Dr. Mary DeCredico to new assignment at her alma mater

Dr. Mary DeCredico has been appointed Provost of Bucknell University, her undergraduate *alma mater*. She had been serving as the Chair of the Department of History and Vice Academic Dean of the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Scheduled to lead reunion goers on the Friday trip to Appomattox, that turned out to be the weekend that she was "officially" presented to the Bucknell board. Dr. DeCredico had spoken at the Saturday luncheon at Reunion 2004.

Frank Williamson, `60, spoke for all alumni when he congratulated Dr. Mary with the hope that she will be able to join us at a future reunion.

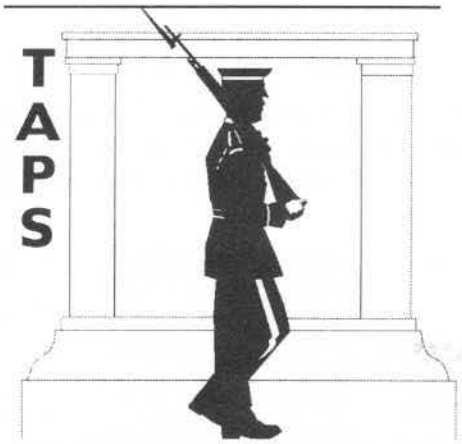
Deaths reported to us May 2004-May 2005

Tom Willingham, `28 . 16 December 1994
MG Robert Taylor, `31 . . . 16 March 2003
Rev. George Barber, `32 17 December 2004
Walton Stallings, `32 . . . . . 8 March 2005
Rupert Fulton, `34 . . . . . 5 February 2004
Norvin Perry, `34 . . . 18 November 2004
Richard Wilson, `35 . . 21 September 2004
William Gregory, `36 . . . . . No details
Frank Horton, `36 . . . . 21 February 2004
Gus Pappas, `37 . . . . . 9 November 2004
Alexander Sansosti, `37 . . 5 February 2004
Guy Welliver, `37 . . . . . 24 February 2004
William Blackwell, `38 . 27 December 2004
Eugene Millar, `39 . . . . . 19 April 2004
Thomas Behrendt, `40 . . . . . 23 May 2005
Robert Plecker, `40 . . . . 27 October 2004
Dr. Morton Alper, `42 . . . 16 March 2005
Frederick Berens, `42 . . . 14 October 2004
Jorge Aquilera, `43 1986
Clay Welker, `44 . . . . . 17 February 2004
Edward Lemon, `45 . . . . . 19 March 2004
I. W. Phillips, `45 . . . . . 5 December 2003
Norman Freeman, `46 . . 5 February 2004
Fred Oyler, `47 . . . . . 15 January 2004
Richard Horwitz, `47 . . 18 February 2004
LTC James Chezem, `48 . 18 October 2004
Cary Hancock, `48 . . . 15 September 2002
Thorne McLoney, `49 . . . . . 1 August 2004
Albert Guffey, `50 . . . . 10 February 2004
Wilmer Hill, `51 . . . . . 20 March 2004
Sidney Taylor, `51 . . . . . 23 July 2004
Otto Cuervo, `52 . . . . 21 December 2004
Hoyle "Benny" Long, `55 . . . . 26 June 2004
Lee Rice Steeley, `57 . . . . . 20 July 2004
Pedro Moros, `58 . . . . . 30 May 2004
John Holder, `59 . . . . . 5 September 2004
Lyle Wagner, `59 . . . . . 15 March 2005
John "Monty" Ellis, `60 . . 3 February 2005
George Pendergraft, `65 . . . . 5 April 2005
Edward Alston, `67 . . . . . 4 April 2004
Mark Minkoff, `67 . . . . . December 2003
DeWitt Campbell, `69 . . . . . 4 March 2004
Richard Schweitzer, `69 . . . . 5 April 2004
Major Maxwell Hutton . 30 December 2004
Master Sergeant John Wallace . 24 May 2004
Coach Alexander Waleski . 5 October 2004

May these, our classmates,
Our friends, our fellow cadets
Find eternal peace
In the knowledge
That they are not forgotten,
And have that which lies beyond the tomb
- A home in the heart of every Augustan

Staunton *from page 49*
were paraded through Staunton on their way to Richmond prisons.

Union forces threatened Staunton & Augusta County from 1862 on, but they did not invade the county until 1864. After the Battle of Piedmont on June 5, 1864, Union troops occupied Staunton, burning shops, factories, and mills. They also destroyed miles of railroad track. Though Union troops wiped out many of Staunton's prime assets, they quickly moved on, leaving Staunton residents free to rebuild & continue supporting the Confederacy. The railroad was repaired, and according to Augusta historian and diarist Joseph Waddell, Union prisoners of war were still brought to Staunton after the occupation.



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Walton D. Stallings, `32

8 March 2005, at the Virginia Beach General Hospital after a period of declining health, 90. Owner of 4C Candy Company in Suffolk with homes in Suffolk, the Virgin Islands and Marathon, FL. Avid swimmer, scuba diver and fisherman. Founded Sandbridge Gill Net Society. Graduate of William and Mary. U.S. Marine Corps in World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater. Eagle scout. Survived by his son, W. Dees Stallings of Annapolis, MD. At AMA, varsity basketball, track, company boxing, Tiger Baseball, Booster's Club.

Norvin Perry, `34

18 November 2004, in Frankfort, KY. No other details.

Thomas Michie Behrendt, `40

23 May 2005, at Hospice House of Charlottesville, 83. World War II veteran as a cryptologist in the U.S. Army Signal Corps with service in Australia, New Guinea, the Philippines and Japan. He was a radio advertising executive with WINA and WCHV in Charlottesville. University of Virginia. Charter member of UVA Student Aid Foundation. Survived by his wife of 56 years, Doris J. Behrendt. Three daughters, Terry Hamlett, Susan Gibson and JoAnne Kice; three grandchildren, Lee Gibson, Andy Kraft and Susan Kice; two great-grandchildren, Nicholas Kraft and Baily Kraft; a sister, Elizabeth Gleason; and a brother, William Behrendt. Author of *Pacific Diary* available at the AMA PX. At AMA, Sergeant, Band Company; Cadet orchestra; track; fencing team; Honor Roll; Final Ball Committee. Chosen Best Looking Cadet two years in a row. Reported by **Hilton Roller Grasty.**

Tom Berhrendt, 1940 *Recall*

Dr. Morton O. Alper, `42

16 March 2005, Washington, DC, 80. Dentist. University of Virginia and Medical College of Virginia. U.S. Army Dental Corps, Korean War, 1951-53. Practiced dentistry in the Metropolitan Washington area for 38 years. Past president, District of Columbia Dental Society; past chairman, Metropolitan Washington Dental Health Council. Secretary and board member, Guaranty Bank and Trust, Fairfax. Member, Georgetown Kiwanis Club, and past governor, Capital District Kiwanis Club. Past trustee, Kiwanis International. AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors, 1978-83. Survived by his wife, Shirley; a son, Richard; daughters, Patricia Alper Cohn and Linda Powers; and eight grandchildren; brother to **Mel Alper, `39**. At AMA: Honor Roll, boxing team, tennis, A Company. Reported by **Colonel Mal Livick.**

Dr. Morton Alper, 1942 *Recall*

Lyle M. Wagner, `59

15 March 2005, at Martha Washington Hospital, 64. Attended University of Virginia. Part owner of Crozet, VA Great Valu Grocery. Was preceded in death by a son, Greg Wagner. Survived by his former wife, Jean Trimble Wagner of Waynesboro; a son, David of Crozet; three grandchildren; and a brother, John Wagner of Honolulu. At AMA: 2nd lieutenant, football, fencing, baseball, Cotillion Club. Reported by **Jim Towe, `60.**

Lyle Wagner, 1959 *Recall*

John M. "Monty" Ellis, `60

3 February 2005, Corpus Christi, TX, following a massive stroke. Founder of The Ferret Company which searches for missing mineral and royalty owners in the gas and oil business. Survived by his wife, Kitty; a son, John Edward, of Corpus Christi; daughters Kathryn Ellis Thomas of Corpus Christi and Kirsten of Watertown, MA; three grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren. The family has requested that donations be made to the AMA Alumni Foundation in memory of Monty. At AMA, Cotillion Club, rifle team, Tiger Football, lacrosse, Decorating Committee; first sergeant, Headquarters Company. Reported by **Bob Walton, `65.**

Monty Ellis, 1960 *Recall*

George Lewis Pendergraft, `65

5 April 2002, in Blacksburg, VA. Survived by a daughter, Edith-Anne Pendergraft Duncan of Blacksburg. At AMA: Privilege List, *Bayonet* and *Recall* staffs.

George Pendergraft, 1965 *Recall*

Bob Bradford finally gets the point!

By Edwin Click, `50

It was a very successful reunion! We had a good return on our open invitation to the alumni to come back for a weekend of fun and memories, the Virginia spring weather cooperated for the most part, and even the Appomattox tour folks came back feeling like they were winners. I thank all those who did their annual magic of making this thing possible for the rest of us to enjoy.

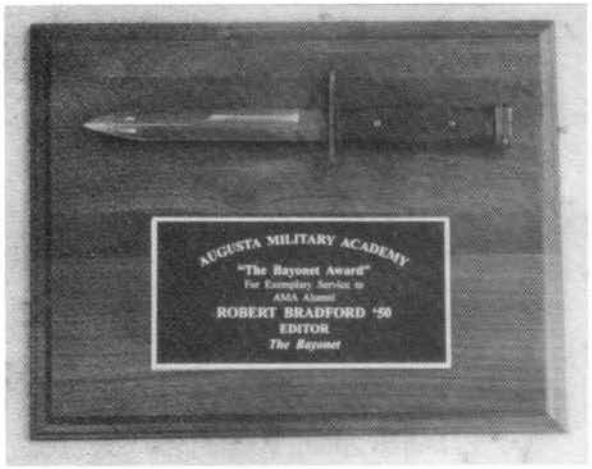
My own special treat came when Alumni Association President **Garry Granger, `71**, asked if I would present a plaque to **Bob Bradford, `50**, acknowledging his contributions to AMA through his tireless efforts on our newsletter, *The Bayonet*. Bob and I met 60 years ago as Brother Rats and I have admired his boundless creative energies as "Mr. Bayonet" for at least ten years. Many of you never knew that it was Bob who arranged funding for our very own first computer which allowed the Association to compile and maintain our own mailing list. No one, not even Bob, knows how much of his time and treasure has gone into the publication of *The Bayonet* over the past decade.

Take a moment and compare that 16-page first effort of 1995 with the 84-page magazine which is the last issue before the reunion. Thanks to Bob, every issue brims with news and photos of us, the alumni. In addition to the expected memorabilia, we have "Class Notes" for all who contribute current news, "Spotlight" articles for special members of our group, information on planned activities and summaries of past ones, and letters to the editor. When all else fails, there is the "Taps" section, with a last word on those who've heard that final bugle.

For ten years, Bob has shown us who we are and what we are about. Through *The Bayonet*, he has brought together long-separated friends and has helped us all to remember the dreams and plans and the special people and places of our own school days. *The Bayonet* is not only the glue that holds the alumni together, it has enabled us to work together to build a physical and financial home for our efforts in the future.

I was proud to have this opportunity to thank Bob publicly and to extol his good works. I will admit that I am more than a little awed by his acceptance of the challenge to conceive, write, edit and publish three major issues of our alumni magazine each year. Some of us call him "Mr. Bayonet," but I will admit that I was more than a bit amused thinking of the additional challenge he would have trying to get through airport security with that walnut plaque and an honest-to-God military bayonet attached to it!

Thanks, Bob, for all you do.



SECURITY! - What Ed Click describes as "an honest-to-God bayonet" attached to the plaque would have made it difficult for Bob to get through airport security.

For once, Bradford listens!

THEN AND NOW - Ed Click unrolls Bradford's first *Bayonet*, a 16-page issue from 1995, comparing that to the size of today's magazines.

Sue Messerley of Mid Valley Press, the printer of *The Bayonet*, says that when Bob sends the copy for an issue, *"everything is labeled with photos marked for placement. He leaves little room for me to screw up! And he always asks if I can have it finished by `tomorrow.' I used to think he was joking!""*

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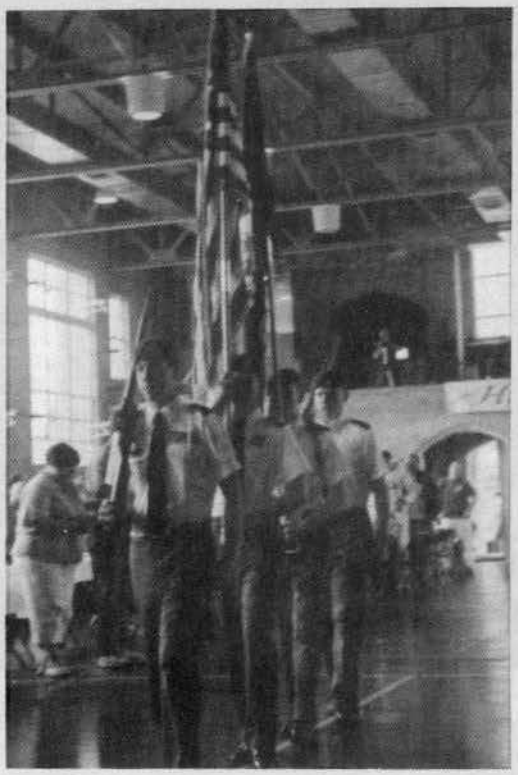
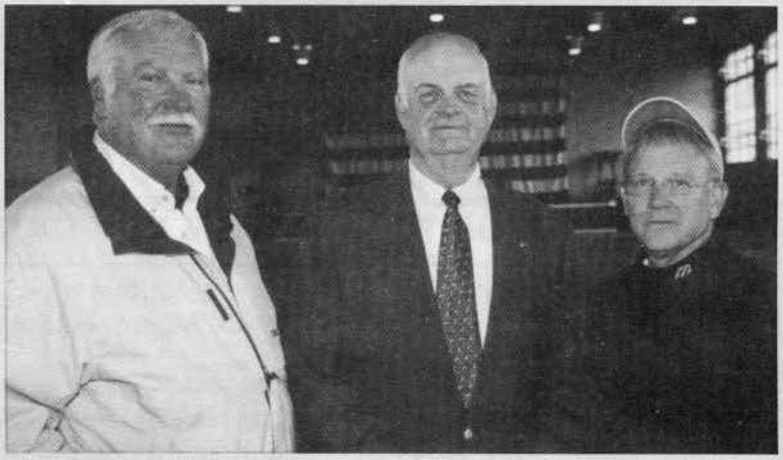
READY FOR ANYTHING - Andrew Biers stands guard in his WW II era uniform. His uncle is Eric Mehler, `62, of Hampton, New Jersey.



ADVANCE THE COLORS! - The Massanutten Color Guard marches to the front of the gym during the Saturday luncheon.

Photo by Bob Walton, `65



THE COLONEL - Jack Newkirk, `64, of Bridgeton, NJ, and Jake Burke,`64, from Lexington, VA with Colonel Mal Livick in the AMA Gymnasium where so many of Colonel Livick's teams performed so well.

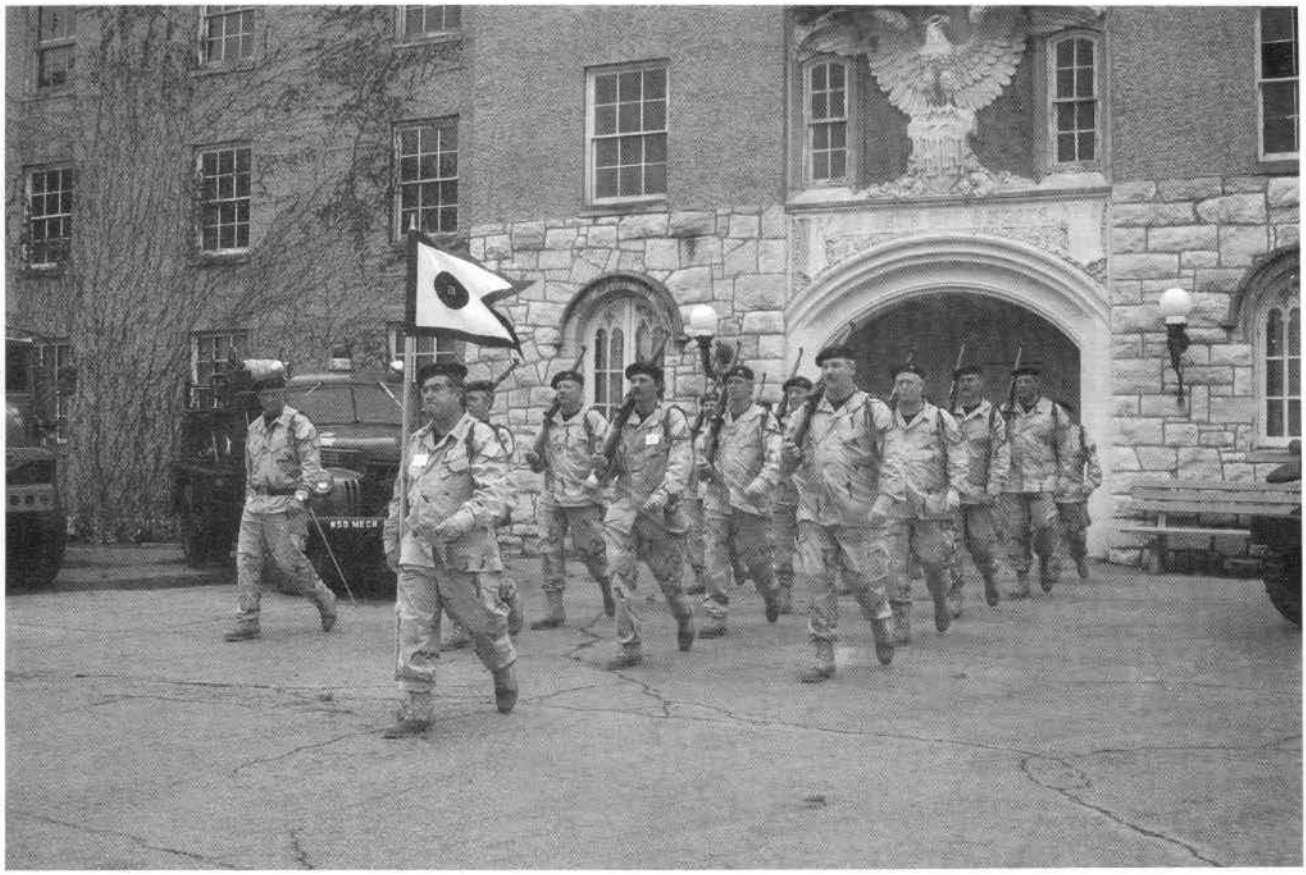
REUNION 2005

IN THE MIDDLE - Laura Hash, daughter of Liz and John Hash, `75, resplendent in her VMI uniform between Bob Harris, `54 and Marge (Dr. Boots, `43) Solan at Reunion 2005.

Joe Lucus, the son of Colonel Herbert Lucas, visits Don Studer, right. Brenda Brady accompanied Joe on the visit.

Some of our guys had not carried a rifle for 35 years or more. Yet, with just one brief practice drill and with the threat of rain hanging heavy in the Valley sky, they performed exquisitely.

Well done, fellows!



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Thank you
to all who made Reunion 2005 possible!

Bev and Frank Williamson, `60,** the reunion chairman and his bride who had to be everywhere at once, and succeeded + **Phil Myers, `71, for the most memorable rendition of Taps ever heard + **Julian Quarles, `35,** who honored our World War II dead + **Susan and Gary Nicholson, `70,** for the always marvelous food and for manning the PX + **Marc Mehler** for bringing his superb display of military vehicles + **Jackson Todd,** the excellent bagpiper from VMI + **Specialist Peter Schissel, `75,** for his inspiring words from the front porch of the AMA Alumni House/Museum + **Mrs. Joann West** for providing the Interstate and US 11 signs pointing the way to the AMA Museum + **Sherry and Star Lily** for raising their voices in song, patriotic and popular + **Mickey Toms, `67,** for running the golf tournament + **Dave Conrad, `59,** for managing another successful Silent Auction and working with **Ed Chauncey, `49,** in the PX until they both about dropped + **Sue and Rod Willey, `51,** for planning and executing the Thursday reception and the Saturday luncheon +**Tommy Simmons, `53,** best damned bartender in the South + **Bruce Orenstein, `69,** for chairing the Scholarship Committee +**Bruce Hemp** for judging the scholarship applications + **Linda Steffey** for helping in the Hospitality Tent, the Hospitality Room, and the Banquet Room **+ Joyce, Laura and Ben Zinkhan, `60,** for a thousand things and Joyce in particular for her special baked beans, broccoli salad, cookies and pound cake + **Liz and John Hash, `75,** for so much behind-the-scenes effort + **Ida and Frank Spencer, `49,** for prayers at our meals and for the Founder's Day service, and for help in the Hospitality Room along with **Bob Harris, `54, Bobbie and Ed Chauncey, `49,** and **Brenda and Gordon Metz, `68 + Tim Mizer** who baked the beautiful AMA cake which was auctioned off and to him and his friend **Doug Malcolm** who helped with the barbecue + **The Pentecostal Church,** our landlords, and **Reverend Glen Douglas + Joe Garry, `73,** for arranging the

tennis match and to **Rick Ellett, `72**, for managing the clay shoot (though tennis was rained out) + **Tom DelValle, `73**, and **Doug Pennock, `72**, for organizing the NEW Roller Rifles, and to everyone who marched in that unit + **Master Sergeant Don Studer** for helping outfit the Roller Rifles and for many other things + **George Holt, `60**, for letting us use his PA system + **Master Sergeant Joe Josephson** for his always constructive assistance + **Mal Livick, Jr., `75**, for his most appropriate Founder's Day remarks + **Jim Councill, `49**, for managing registration + **Eric Cobb** of Ingleside for scrambling to accommodate our golfers when a scheduling conflict at the Holiday Inn occurred + **Bobbie Chauncey** for her scrumptious brownie cakes + **Mike Kidd, `72**, for firing the cannon + **Bob Hume, `63**, for providing the luxury motor coach to Appomattox + **Bob Walton, `60**, for his wonderfully descriptive photographs + **Ed Chauncey, `49**, for his unmatched contributions to the Silent Auction +**Marc Aronson, `68,** for undertaking the oral history project + **Lewie Kennett, `72**, who delivered food + **Tom Roller, `36, Jorge Rovirosa, `70, Al Zayas, `72, Doug Pennock, `72, Lewie Kennett, `72, Ed Burke, `55,** and **Ed Willett** for their contribution to the golfers "goodie bags" +**Colonel Larry Nicholson, `75**, hero of the Battle for Iraq, for gracing our reunion with his presence + **Goodloe Saunders, `57**, for his leadership + **Ed Click, `50**, and **Sue Messerley** for their part in the Awards Banquet + **Stephanie** and the entire staff at the **Holiday Inn** + **Billy Morales, `73, Thom McCabe, `74**, and **Bob Walker, `75**, for supplying the "AMA Beat" while the Roller Riflers marched +**Bob Harris, `54**, for his leadership in seeing that our finances are in order + **The Staunton Ovation** whose music filled our hearts to overflowing + **Massanutten Military Academy** for furnishing the Color Guard and Drill Team, and to **Sergeant Major Helms** for coordinating his troops + **Fort Defiance High School** for the drummers + All **Silent Auction** participants +**The golfers** who helped set up tables in the gym + **Duke Fancher, `58**, though unable to attend, whose spirit and dedication to doing things the right way overarched our best reunion to date!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Letters to the Editor

About Otto Cuervo

Otto was a dear friend. I had lost track of him since 1958 until I was able to contact him after I saw his address in *The Bayonet*.

Otto didn't have an easy life. His father was a prominent senator in Republican Cuba and was brutally murdered in 1957 by Dictator Batista's henchmen. With his two older brothers (**Orlando, `47**, and **Pelayo Rolando, `49**), he participated in the Bay of Pigs fiasco. But the last time I talked with him, he had retired and seemed to be content. May he rest in peace in God's love.

Manuel Balbis, `53
Miami, FL

Support for *The Bayonet*

On behalf of the Trustees of the Louella Cook Foundation, I am pleased to enclose a check in the amount of $5,000 to the AMA Alumni Foundation in support of *The Bayonet*. I am pleased to be able to offer this support to the most important aspect of our alumni effort.

Jack Jansing, `43
Hobe Sound, FL

Remembering Monty Ellis

Bev and I were so sorry to hear of the passing of **Monty Ellis, `60**. He was a neat guy! He was the First Sergeant of Headquarters Company and the nickname we had for him was "Alarm Clock." We cadet waiters had to get up, eat a quick breakfast and then set up for the Corps of Cadets to have their breakfast.

Monty's duty was to set his alarm clock and awaken the rest of us. This sounds like a trivial task, but as we look back we realize that he was responsible for getting the entire Corps fed on time! It was a duty and he was committed to it and I will bet that throughout his life, he accepted whatever duty was thrust upon him.

Frank Williamson, `60
Richmond, VA

Missed my *Bayonet*

Last September, I went away and my mail was supposed to be forwarded. Then, I realized that I had not gotten a *Bayonet*! Please put me back on the mailing list and send me any copies I missed.

Andres Caceres, `61
Union Lake, MI

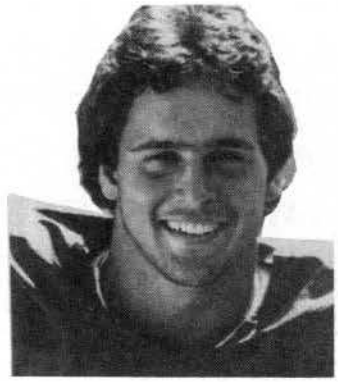
Loved your museum

I took a 22 day driving trip up and down the East Coast in April. You will be pleased to hear that we consider your museum one of the most interesting stops on our drive.

Cheryl and Lincoln Hemphill
Henderson, NV

Dick Nolan's son

I was pleased to read that Mike Nolan, the son of **Dick Nolan, `50**, has followed in his Dad's footsteps as the Head Coach of the San Francisco 49ers. I thought you would like to know that Mike was a star safety at Oregon and is still remembered as one of the nicest guys ever to walk on campus at Eugene.



Mike Nolan, the University of Oregon's star safety .

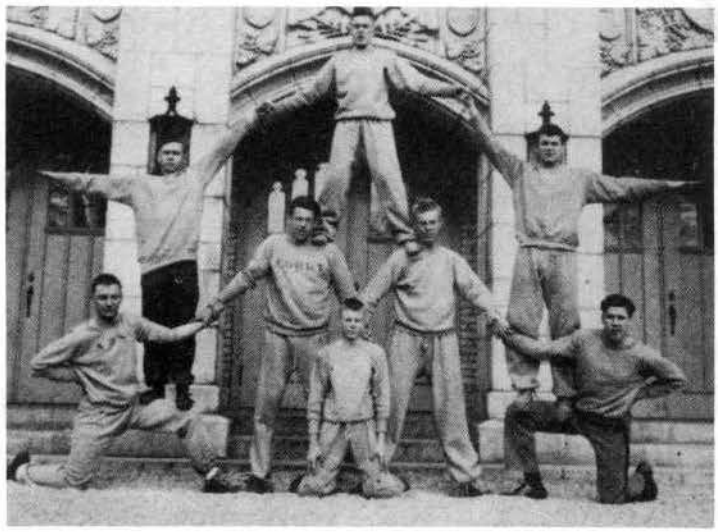
I have sent along a picture taken when he was just finishing at Oregon. Mike followed his Dad from high school football to college to the pros to find his place as the 49er head coach, a job his AMA alumnus Dad had from 1968 to 1975.

Haze A. Green, Jr., `75
San Bernardino, CA

Better with each issue

The Bayonet seems to get better with each issue. I find it quite amazing how the AMA alumni are keeping their history alive. This says a lot about the school when it was an ongoing concern.

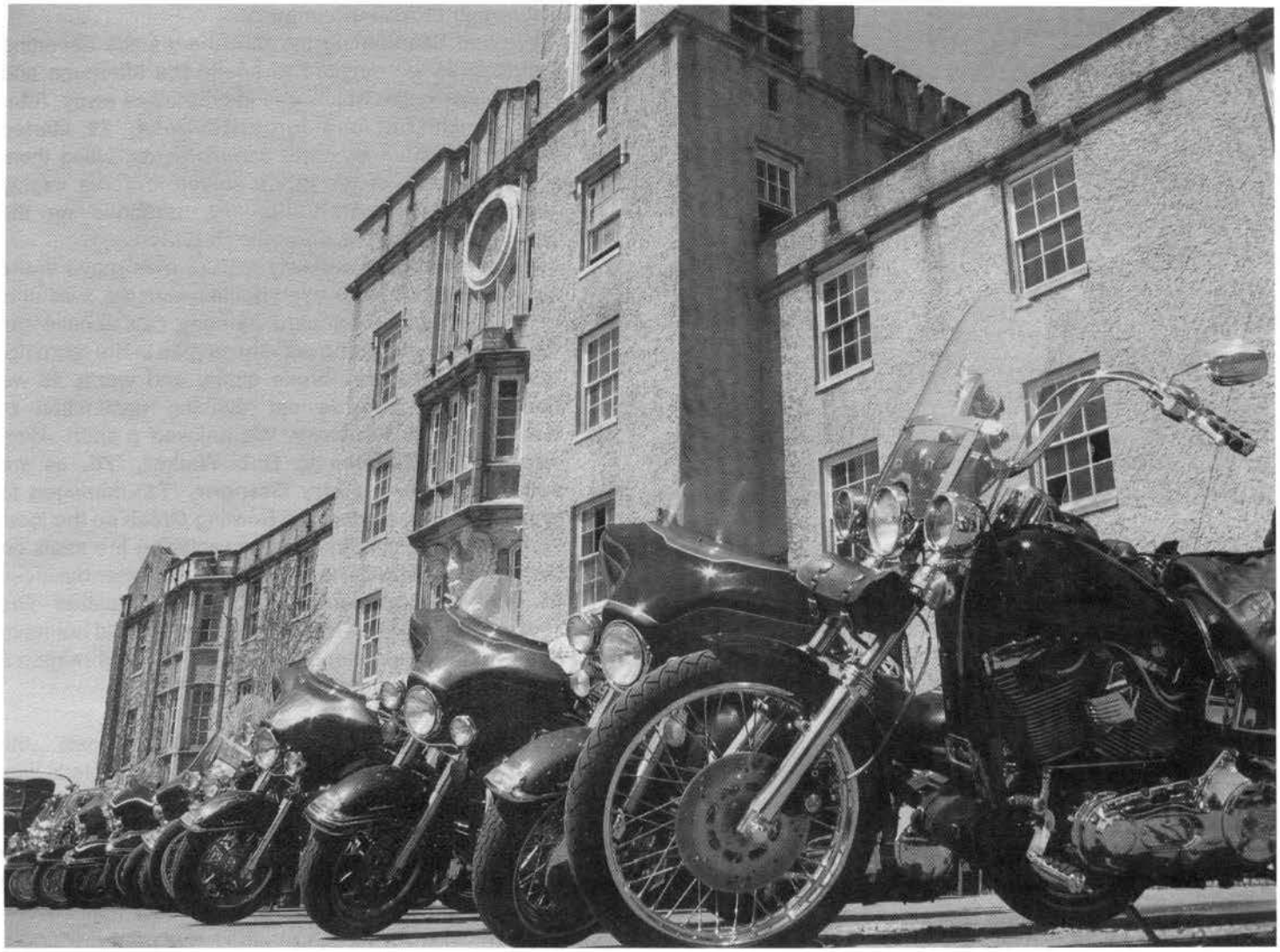
Stuart Seaton, AMA Faculty
Richmond, VA



That's me at the top!

I appreciate your running the photo of my wife and me when we were visiting England. (Winter 2005 *Bayonet*). There was also another picture of me in that issue, a photo taken in 1945. At age 15, that is me at the top of the pyramid in front of the gymnasium!

Lloyd Henry, `48
Savannah, GA



Roller Riders Tame the Dragon

2005 ride covers five states, treacherous but beautiful roads

By Rick Smail, `67

Fifteen Harleys, five New Cadets, five states, an exclusive resort, cabin camping, a dragon's tail, one assembly plant, and a life time of memories. Those were the expectations for most of the Roller Riders as they arrived in Staunton for the annual reunion this year. By the time the ride ended most expectations were exceeded.....some were not.

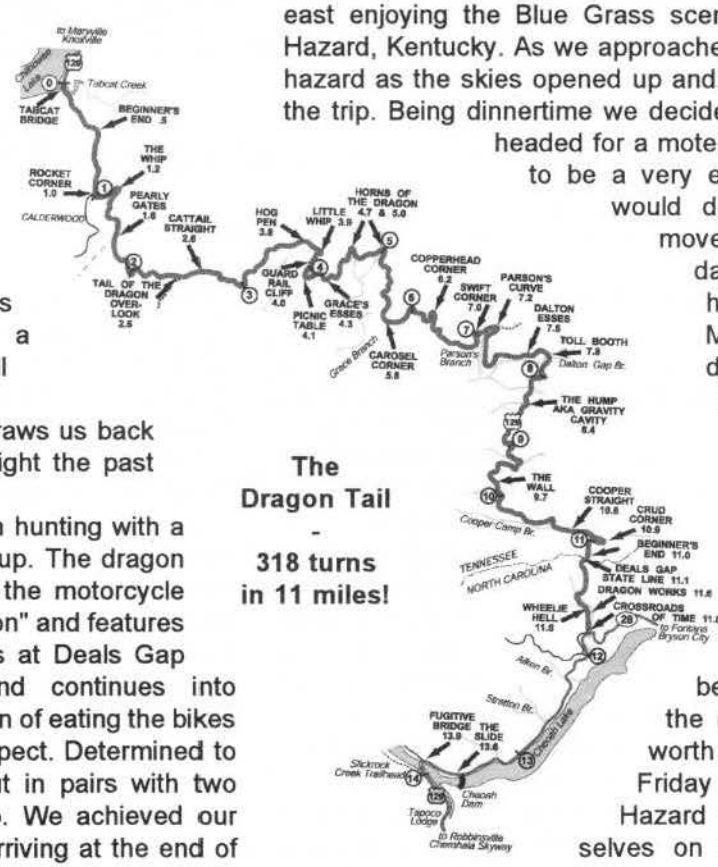
Excitement ran high as members of the group arrived in Staunton and gathered together for the obligatory parking lot social at the Holiday Inn. War stories and other lies ran thick as old relationships were reestablished and we anticipated our departure Sunday morning. We were all particularly impressed by the grit of **Allen Josey, `64**, who despite the loss of his leg (as a result of wounds suffered in Viet Nam) rode his bike to the reunion from his home in Martinez, Georgia. Allen rode north with the intentions of spending the week with all of us, but it was not to be. Allen just prior to his departure from home was fitted with a new prosthesis, Unfortunately, Allen had to withdraw from the ride as the new limb caused a dangerous sore to develop which he discovered Sunday morning just prior to our departure. We were all disappointed to depart without Allen, but we salute him for his sacrifice, service, and guts.

We began our ride with a wonderful breakfast prepared for us by Tom and Bruce Hemp at their family farm. They have made this a terrific tradition hosting our departure two years in a row. From the Hemp's the group proceeded to the school for pictures in front of Big Barracks. It seemed as though we were getting underway in fits and starts as we only got down the road 20 minutes when the bike ridden by **Bruce Orenstein, `69**, dropped it's clutch. Bruce was able to limp to Shenandoah Harley-Davidson in Staunton where an attempt was made to repair his bike. The shop did not have the parts available, but in an unbelievable turn of events, the owner of the dealership (making 14 new best friends) offered his personal bike to Bruce so he could continue with the group!

SADDLE UP - Bruce Hemp adds some provisions to a bike as Mark Femrite, `72, assists. The Roller Rider trip began and ended at the Hemp family farm.** ***Photo by Rick Smail, `67*

Gordon Metz, `68, (our resident tour guide) led our group on an exhilarating ride along some of the most scenic roads in southwestern Virginia to the Primland Resort in Meadows of Dan, Virginia. Primland is situated in the tops of the mountains on 14,000 acres of the prettiest mountain tops to be found. We stayed in a house that was large enough to accommodate the whole group and enjoyed a great steak dinner at the lodge restaurant.

Our route Monday took us on a leisurely ride down the Blue Ridge Parkway to the Blue Ridge Motorcycle Campground where we cabin camped. This was a great experience as our new cadets who contemplated the dragon looming the following day. When we are camping, one event that seems to have us spellbound is gathering around a campfire. It is really fun to listen to all the stories and try to sort out the truth from tall tails. The campfire is what draws us back to camping and has been a trip highlight the past two years.



The Dragon Tail - 318 turns in 11 miles!

We set out Tuesday morning dragon hunting with a lot of trepidation from many in the group. The dragon they were facing is a famous road in the motorcycle community called "The Tail of the Dragon" and features 318 turns in 11 miles. The tail begins at Deals Gap (population six), North Carolina and continues into Tennessee. The dragon has a reputation of eating the bikes of those who do not pay it enough respect. Determined to not be dragon lunch we launched out in pairs with two minutes spacing between each group. We achieved our goal of taming the dragon and upon arriving at the end of the tail we donned our "I Survived" T-shirts and snapped pictures to prove our conquest.

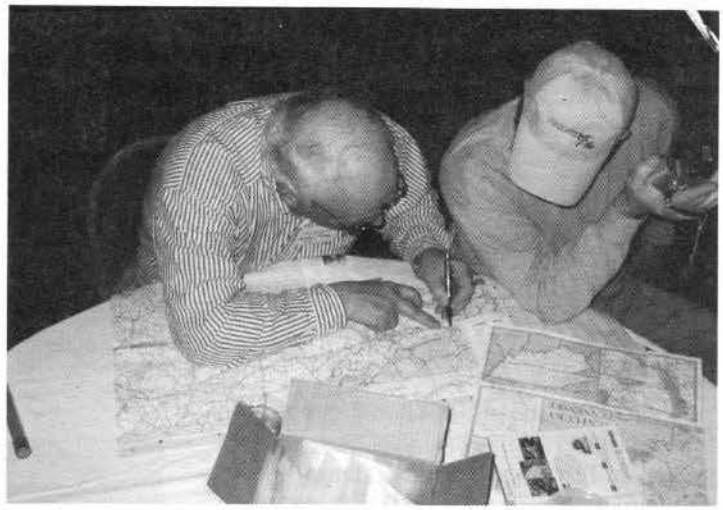
We had been hitting the road hard since departing Staunton so we decided to spend the afternoon and night in Knoxville, which was just 30 miles away. After a late lunch Metz and **Jorge Rovirosa, `70**, started back to Staunton as other commitments pulled them away. The rest of the group stayed in some mighty fine rooms **Tom DelValle, `73**, arranged on the executive floor of the Knoxville Radisson.

It's interesting how slowly mature men move in the morning when they've been hooting with the owls until late. One thing is for sure, nobody can accuse the Roller Riders of soaring with the eagles in the morning! Wednesday morning broke sunny and warm as we headed west towards our evening destination of Bowling Green, Kentucky. We enjoyed a short riding day and bid farewell to **Bob Walker, `75**, as we passed Nashville. **Garry Granger, `71**, managed to break his bike approaching Bowling Green so the local dealer was pressed into action replacing the seals on Garry's front forks. The job was started after business hours and not interrupted until it was completed. The Harley dealers we dealt with on this trip could not have done more to accommodate our needs and reinforce our opinion of the brand we choose to ride.

The Corvette plant

Thursday morning we arrived at one of our goals....the Corvette assembly plant in Bowling Green. The tour was fantastic and everyone came out pumped up for a new Corvette. Following "soupie" we had another parting, Garry and Tom bid the rest of the group farewell falling out of formation and heading for Texas. The remainder headed east enjoying the Blue Grass scenery until just outside Hazard, Kentucky. As we approached Hazard it *became* a hazard as the skies opened up and we hit the first rain of the trip. Being dinnertime we decided to call it a day and headed for a motel. We all found Hazard to be a very entertaining place, but would definitely not want to move there. Since Thursday was the Mexican holiday "Cinco de Mayo" (and it really does fall on May 5th every year) we sought out a Mexican restaurant. We actually found one run by Mexicans in downtown Hazard, but the best part may have been the jitney ride to the restaurant, which was worth the trip by itself. On Friday we bid farewell to Hazard and soon found ourselves on the (no kidding here)

WE MADE IT - At the end of the ride through the Dragon Tail, the Roller Riders each donned "I Survived" T-shirts. Here, Tom DelValle, Jorge Rovirosa and Rick Smail show their pleasure at having successfully navigated the bike-killer road. ***Photo by Jorge Rovirosa, `70***



SHOW ME THE WAY TO GO HOME - You'll have to take the photographer's word for it, but this is reputed to be Gordon Metz and Tom DelValle plotting the route Tom and Garry Granger would take back to Texas.
Photo by Brett Thompson, `75

Hatfield and McCoy Trail. It is amazing what you will find if you go deep enough into Appalachia and deep we went. Southwestern West Virginia and eastern Kentucky live up to all the stereotypes and it was quite an education to ride through this part of the country. Puttin Appalachia in our rear view mirrors, we decided it was good to be back where dentists actually had something to work on. Our arrival back in Staunton found us once more at the Hemp's for a home cooked dinner. There's not a better way to bookend a ride than at Hemp's.

Saturday dawned with the official end of the 2005 ride. As we departed and went our separate ways we all could feel the renewed bonds that make our group unique. All of us understand the bond felt between AMA alumni, but the brotherhood between the Roller Riders is indescribable. Maybe it's campfire smoke, maybe it's being massaged by the exhaust note of the Harleys, but there is something that happens out on the road that binds us together in ways we can't put words to, and we are grateful for being part of this group.

Special thanks to Brett Thompson, Bill Scarborough, Rick Smail, Jorge Rovirosa and Tom DelValle for the excellent digital photos they took. More photos can be seen on the AMA website: AMAAmumni.org

The Roller Riders who participated this year were Bill Scarborough,`69, Mark Femrite,`72, Lewie Kennett, `72, Tom DelValle, `73, Garry Granger, `71, Gordon Metz, `68, Mike Kidd, `72, Tom Forrer, `67, Steve Bailey, `67, Bob Walker, `75, Brett Thompson, `75, Bruce Orenstein, `69, Jorge Rovirosa, 70, Allen Josey, 64, and Rick Smail, `67.

ALL TOGETHER - Safe after the treacherous ride through the Tail of the Dragon, the bikers gather with the mountain ranges stretching forever behind them. ***Photo by Bill Scarborough, `69***

Tom Behrendt passed away on 23 May 2005
just before we went to press.

By Tom Behrendt, `40

"It's Town Hall tonight" – a Big Room cheer that failed utterly to materialize

Originally published in the Staunton News-Leader

So many good things happen to us in our young life that we don't always remember them all. There was one time, however, that I will never forget.

It was one delightful spring evening in May at good old AMA. We had just returned to Big Barracks after dinner in the mess hall. It was during the "free" time just before Study Hall in the Big Room for those of us who were not on the Honor Roll. As would often happen, a small group of friends gathered out on the stoop in the warm, daylight hours of mid-May, waiting for the bugle call to hit the books.

Tom Behrendt,

This was in 1939 during the golden days of radio. During a segment of the very popular Fred Allen Show, there was a weekly feature entitled "It's Town Hall tonight," immediately followed by a musical rendition that could easily be sung without words. Someone, and I can't imagine who, thought it would be fun to yell out "It's Town Hall tonight" and sing the famous theme in the middle of Study Hall. It was too nice a day not to do *something*, and we were young and eager to make our presence felt. Maybe this was not the best way to do it, but at our age and at that time, it seemed perfect!

An hour or so later in a very quiet Big Room, a scattering of 30 to 40 young cadets were studying at their desks as the very new and very young **Lieutenant Twombley** (the Officer in Charge that particular night) was reading quietly at the desk on the stage beneath the big movie screen. As well as I can remember, there were six of us in cahoots in this infamous endeavor. At a prearranged time, the other five cadets were to look at me for the signal to begin since we had decided that we all would do this together. I noted that all five were looking down at their desks and at the prearranged signal, the yell began...

"It's Town Hall tonight..."

..."It's Town Hall tonight," followed by the musical theme song. The only trouble was that the other five – the traitors – didn't make a sound. They had chickened out and I was doing a solo – the whole damned thing, loud and clear!

My desk was on the right side of the room about two-thirds of the way back from the stage. When I started to yell, Lieutenant Twombley sprung out of his chair in complete shock, jumped off the stage and bolted toward my seat. Twombley stopped about six inches from my face and yelled, *"Behrendt, have you lost your mind?"*

Before I could think of a smart answer, he had ushered me out of the building to the front steps where he gave me a tongue lashing, ending with the threat that he was going to report my actions to **Major Roller**. He sent me back to my desk and left. I might add that at this point not one of the 30 or 40 cadets in the room, including my friends, the traitors, had made a sound. Not one sound. After a while, Twombley returned and ordered me, in front of everyone in the Big Room, to report to the Commandant's Office. You don't think at a time like this... you just do as ordered.

Well, good luck was with me that night. Major Roller (I found out later he was at a Kiwanis Club meeting in Staunton) was not there. It was **Major Herbert Deane** who was holding down the fort. There always was a faculty member on duty in the barracks in those days and I thank God it was Major Deane and not Major Roller.

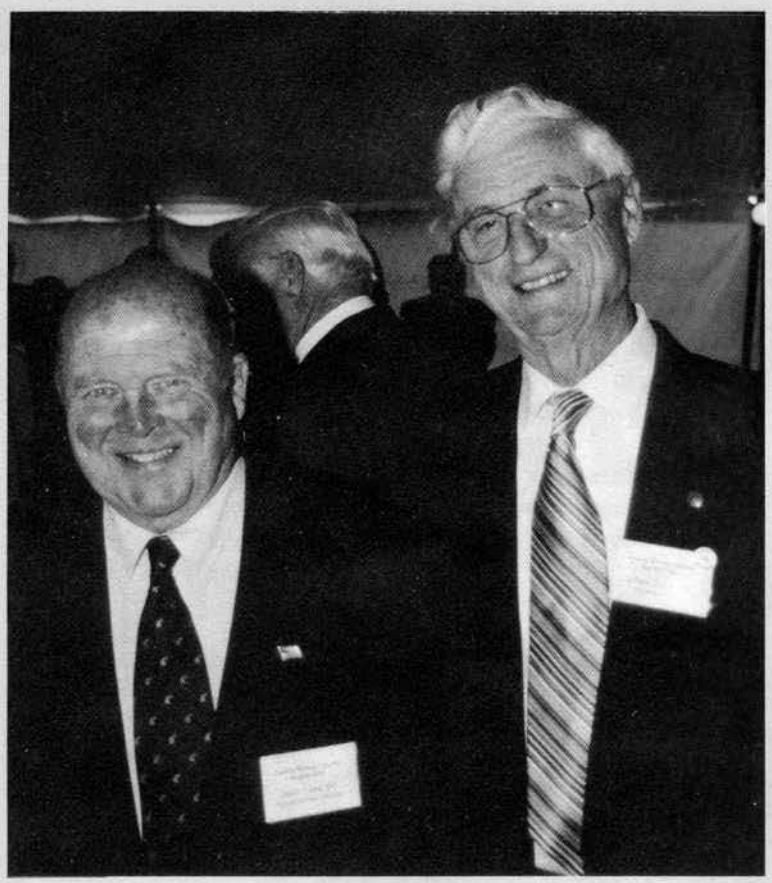
The nervous and thoroughly shaken Twombley had reported the incident to Deane who, in turn, wanted to hear my version. Needless to say, I reported everything to Major Deane. I didn't know anything but the truth and I told him exactly the way it happened. He wanted to know who the other five cadets were, and I told him. He said that what I did was wrong but that he was proud of me because I didn't let the others down and I had done exactly what I said I would do.

After Study Hall, my five traitorous friends were called to the Commandant's Office. First, they got a royal chewing out, then late night tours followed by shoveling coal. I was let off, scot-free.

There is entertainment value to this story and it helped me reminisce about some of the great teachers we had at Augusta. The things we learn live with us forever, and on this occasion, I was reminded of the absolute necessity of keeping my word. The really good part is that the other five learned that lesson the hard way.

The incident happened 65 years ago and I remember it well. Just don't ask me what I did last week!

Tom Behrendt came to AMA from Charlottesville. He played in the Band and the cadet orchestra, fenced, ran track, was on the Final Ball Committee and made the Honor Roll (obviously sometime before or after his interesting night in Study Hall). His classmates chose him as "Best Looking Cadet" his senior year. Tom served in the Pacific in World War II and has written a book about that experience with many references to AMA. The volume, Pacific Diary, is available for purchase at the AMA PX.



THANK YOU! - AMA Alumni Foundation Chairman Goodloe Saunders, `57, presents to Reverend Greg Douglas a warm thank you to him and to our landlords, The Virginia Pentecostal Churches, for their undiluted support of AMA and its ideals.

Photo by Victor Gomez, `69

REUNION 2005

JOHN AND ED - John Core, `51, from Pagosa Springs, Colorado and Ed Click, `50, from right there in Staunton discuss climatology and horse feathers at the reunion.

WILLIAMSBURGERS - Ben Lindsay, `51, and Selma happy to be here.

COACH RALPH - Coach Bill Ralph conducts the traditional Sunday Prayer Breakfast during the reunion. It was good to see him looking so well!

Augusta memories...

Memories in this issue come from Bayonets from the classes to be honored at Reunion 2006

70 years ago - 1936
*AMA edged Fishburne 6-0 on Thanksgiving Day when **Bob Fox** took a punt on the Augusta 26 and dodged, slipped and slid through the mud for the only touchdown of the day... **Tom Roller** was chosen to command A Company with **Dale Mark** as first lieutenant.*

60 years ago - 1946
***Mike Welch** is executive officer of D Company... **Bobby Bowie** was chosen the top football linesman by the Bayonet and the top swimmers are **John Winn** and **John Seibold** while **Tom Fouracre, George Snarr** and **Don Heppner** were selected best in track and field.*

50 years ago - 1956
***Cadet Jimmy Mahanes** has been named President of the Student Body. **Steve Tomasek** is vice president, **Adrian Howard** is secretary and **Doug Trainum** is treasurer... AMA welcomes **Lieutenant Livick** to the faculty. He was released from active duty in the Air Force and came straight to AMA.*

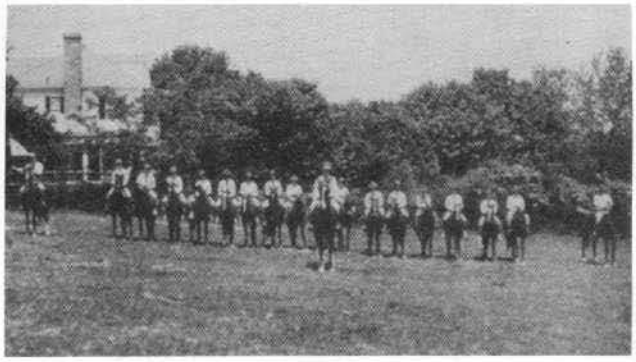
40 years ago - 1966
***Allan Poole** is in charge of E Company. He has worked his way from private to the fifth year captain... For the eighth straight year, The Recall has been awarded an A plus rating... **Joe McCue** scored on a pass in the Bridgewater JV game.*

35 years ago - 1971
***Mike Sisak** and **Cam Bell** will attend the Presidential Classroom in Washington... **Captain Dillow** announced that cadets will be able to spend Saturday nights with visiting parents who have come from far away... **Alfredo Zayas** had a booming kick to open the game with SMA which AMA won 28-8.*

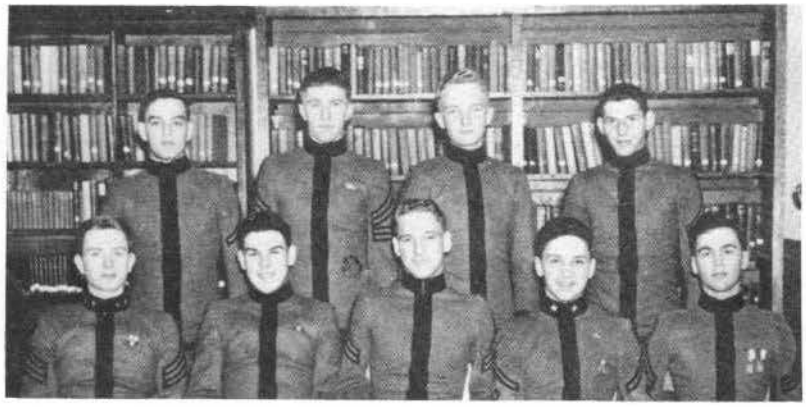
30 years ago - 1976
***Lieutenant Seaton** chaperoned a ski trip to Seven Springs, Pennsylvania which **Scott Leavel** and **Tom Kelly** really enjoyed except Tom broke his thumb... **Jim Mitchell, Andre Allen, Charlie Livick** and **Tom White** were the stars of the varsity basketball team which finished the season 11-4.*

IN 1966, Mrs. Davis guides some J School cadets into the Mess Hall.

25 years ago - 1981
*The AMA rifle team won a second state championship coached by **Sergeant First Class Don Studer** with team members **Phil Bentley, Max Corley, Bob Steele, Angelo Greco, Lee Ritchie, Andy Perrier** and **Ernest Ortega**... The leading scorer on the soccer team was **Julio Brugada** from Paraguay who set an Augusta school record.*



70 YEARS AGO IN 1936 - Augusta's Cavalry.



60 YEARS AGO IN 1946 - The *Bayonet* staff. L. to r., front, Jimmy Pigg, Ralph Levenson, Editor Paul Moerschell, Tommy Mandes and Bobby Freshman. Rear, Don Ritz, Tip Eddy, John Herring and Dave Gliboff.

Next year's Honor Classes

50 YEARS AGO IN 1956 - Th National Champion Rifle Team which even outfired West Point. Front, I. to r., Diego Arria, Vic Rodriquez, Roberto Pupo, Ron Palm, Ed Daughtrey, and Dave Holland. Back row, Major Christy, Forrest Sheffer, Hernan Cuesta, Ron Clotfelter, E.C. Smith, J.P. Smith, and Sergeant Lawrence.

40 YEARS AGO IN 1966 - Kathy and Rex Miller in the Pin-Up Queen Dance figure.

35 YEARS AGO IN 1971 - Phil Myers practices for a musical performance.

30 YEARS AGO IN 1976 - John Tyminski chows down at football banquet.

25 YEARS AGO IN 1981 - Band Captain Tony Beneventi and Lieutenant Santiago Frias.

A picture of 14 guys having a great time at the reunion.

BEFORE THE RIDE - All 15 Roller Riders just before they left Fort Defiance for their five state bike ride.

PIED PIPER - Frank Williamson, `60, Chairman of Reunion 2005, leads the VMI piper and the luncheon crowd into the gymnasium on Saturday 30 April.

All photos on this page from Jim Hash, `72, who joined us for Reunion 2005 just after having major surgery. We were glad to see you looking so good, Jim!

By Don Studer

Effort underway to identify alum's colleges

Master Sergeant Don Studer has undertaken an effort to enter into the alumni association's data base the institutions of higher learning attended by alumni after they finished their time at AMA.

"We have only scratched the surface," he says. *"We have put into our Excel spreadsheet on each alumnus a column where we can list colleges attended. Anyone coming to the AMA Museum can access the list on a computer just inside the front door. We hope to add to the sketchy information we have."*

Published herewith is the alphabetical listing to date. This data has come from *Bayonet* stories, the Ad Astra roster and a very few school records. Sergeant Studer asks that each AMA alumnus check the list to see if he is listed and if so, is the listing correct? If you attended college after AMA and your name is **not** on the list, please send your information to Don at the AMA Alumni House/Museum.

You can e-mail him at AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com, or send him a note at P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437. Or send a FAX to 540/248-4533.

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KEY:
AU - American University
E&H - Emory and Henry College
GWU - George Washington University
HSC - Hampden Sydney College
JMU - James Madison University
MCV - Medical College of Virginia
NC State - North Carolina State University
ODU - Old Dominion University
RMC - Randolph Macon College
RPI - Richmond Professional Institute
RU - Radford University
UMD - University of Maryland
UNC - University of North Carolina
USCGA - U.S. Coast Guard Academy
USMA - U.S. Military Academy at West Point
USNA - U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis
UVA - University of Virginia
VCU - Virginia Commonwealth University
VMI - Virginia Military Institute
VT - Virginia Tech
W&L - Washington and Lee University
W&M - William and Mary
WVU - West Virginia University

Name and class	*College(s) on file*
George Adam, `35	Lehigh U.
Will Adam, `40	U. of Michigan
John Adams, `60	UVA
Arthur Addison, `45	Elon C.
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ENJOYING THE REUNION - Mike Silverberg, `71, his wife Karen and Mike Bare, `69 at Reunion 2005.

DROVE FROM CALIFORNIA - Ted Basque, `53, and Marcia came to Reunion 2005 by motor coach all the way from Lincoln, California.

Ask someone who has done it

Ask someone who has done it and you'll discover that volunteering at the AMA Museum is more rewarding than you can imagine. We need you and others to help our other faithful volunteers. If you can take YOUR TURN at YOUR MUSEUM, please call us at 540-248-3007. Many thanks!

If your name is not on this college list, or if there is a mistake in your listing, please notify Master Sergeant Don Studer at the AMA Alumni House/Museum. Phone 540/248-3007. FAX 540/248-4533. E-mail: AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com

Thompson, Meek elected to board

The AMA Alumni Association elected two new board members at Reunion 2005.

Brett Thompson, `75**, and **Chris Meek, `84, represent some of the latter classes at AMA. *"It is an important step we are taking to reach out to fellows from the last years that AMA was open,"* says Association President **Garry Granger, `71**. *"They represent our future and we need to have their best thoughts about how to preserve our legacy and make alumni events interesting to the younger alumni."*

Thompson is a contractor who just moved to Waynesboro from North Carolina. Brett has a new e-mail address: classicrider@gmail.com

Meek is a school teacher in Wilmington, North Carolina. Chris' e-mail: cmeek65@bellsouth.net

Welcome aboard, guys. We are counting on your helping us to reach out to fellows from the `70's and `80's.

Ian McKnight *from page 51*

each day. He makes sure they follow the rules and feel comfortable while they are at the range.

"The less stress and the more enjoyable the atmosphere, the safer it is," McKnight said. *"Highly stressed people with guns stop thinking. I don't want anyone to not pay attention. If they are not thinking, I will think for them."*

McKnight considers his job a service job: *"I get to help people. Some come out to the range and don't know what they are doing or they have mechanical problems. I am there to assist them."*

McKnight also takes pride in the range.*"We offer one of the only fully staffed shooting ranges and I am proud to provide a safe and relaxing situation for people."* He wouldn't change a thing.

"The busier it gets, the more fun I have," he said.

Contact Ian at: ukenshoot@msn.com

Rich Cunnare *from page 56*

God forsaken war. I did the same thing as an enlisted man in Nam and have been rewarded all my life with wealth and the best friends a man can have in his work.

Augusta was the only reason I lived. This is absolutely the fact!.

Contact Rick at: attack76@yahoo.com

In the next issue

More photos and stories about the Roller Riders five state trip, the honor they accorded a Harley dealer, and the ride back to Dallas by **Tom DelValle, `68**, and **Garry Granger, `71**,

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More photos from Reunion 2005!

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A remembrance of **General Roller** written by **Doc Savedge** 40 years ago.

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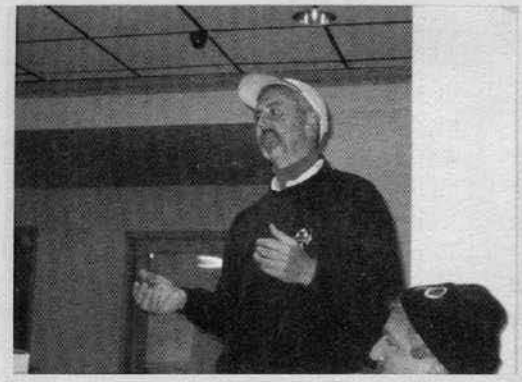
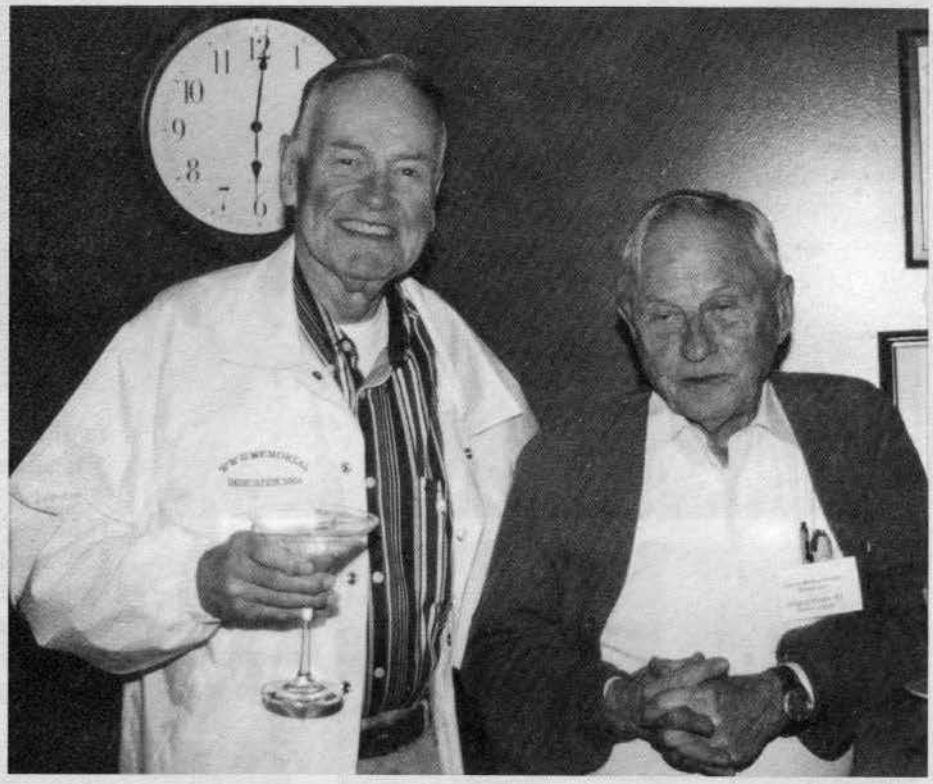


RULES OF THE GAME - Mickey Toms, `67, explains the ground rules to the golfers about to tee off at Ingleside.
Photo by Bruce Nicholson, `62



TIME FOR A DRINK - It's well after 5 PM and two fellows from the Class of 1942 enjoy a drink at the Staunton Country Club. Colonel Rutland Beard and Angus Hines were at Reunion 2005.

Roller Society is a way to help us

A wonderful way to help AMA while you are remembered is to join the Roller Society. Just tell us that you are leaving something to AMA when you leave this world and you will become a Roller Society member.

There are many ways to give which protect your family. A bequest in a **WILL** is a great way to leave a legacy after your lifetime. Perhaps you have an old **LIFE INSURANCE** policy that you really don't need any more. How about changing the beneficiary to the AMA Alumni Foundation?

A **TRUST** can pay you income for all of your life and the life of your spouse, help provide your survivors with a tax free inheritance, and provide substantial help to AMA.

By putting some assets in a **CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST**, you pay no tax when the assets are sold inside the trust plus you get a substantial tax deduction plus you and your spouse can have income for life and then AMA gets the remainder that is left in the trust. There are many ways you can help the AMA Foundation continue our scholarship programs, operate the museum and publish *The Bayonet*. Check with your CPA to see what is the best plan or you.

The Roller Society

Look at the Roller Society logo, above. This indicates the nature of the society: gifts will continue to echo over the years helping kids yet unborn to go to college while learning of Augusta's great heritage.

Please give this some thought. We do **NOT** need to know how much you will leave to AMA. Only that you will leave **SOMETHING**.

The addition of **YOUR** name to the Roller Society Roster will help us to recruit others to the cause. Just drop a note telling us you want to become a Roller Society member.

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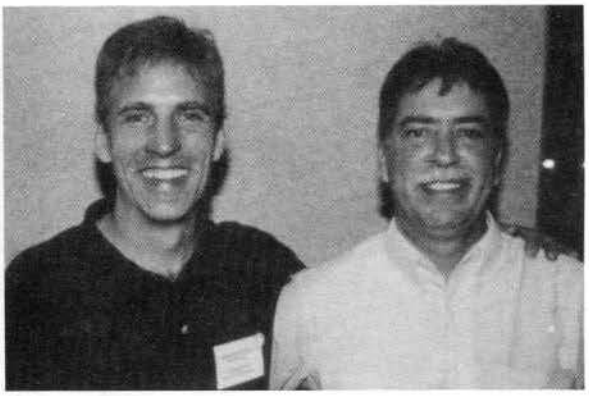
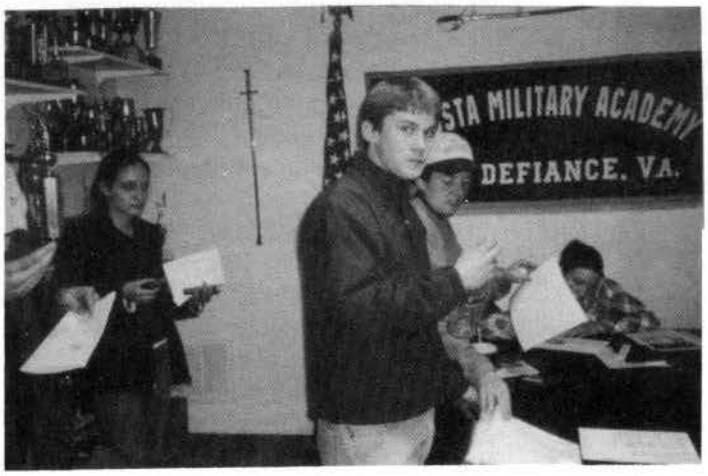


Top, left, PRESIDENTIAL GUARD - Garry Granger, `71, surrounded by Al Zayas, `72, Bruce Orenstein, `69, and Nicky Syropoulos, `69; Top, right, FROM 1980 - Ty Miller and Keith Traylor back for their 25th anniversary; Left, A DECADE APART - Bruce Nicholson, `62, and Ed Schoenborn, `52, discover that the ten years between their classes made little difference to their memories of AMA; Below, POWER! - Again, Marc Mehler brought some wonderful military vehicles for display.

REUNION SCRAPBOOK

Far left, SERIOUS TALK - Jack Meier, `55, and Foundation Chairman Goodloe Saunders, `57, at the Thursday night reception. Left, Jim Councill, `49, all the way from San Antonio to man the registration desk at Reunion 2005. Below, left, an Augusta County 4-H Club on a visit to the AMA Museum. The museum has hosts of young people through every year with Gordon Middle School visiting on reunion weekend. Left, Mr. and Mrs. George Desroche, `55, from way out west in Pahrump, Nevada back for his 50th anniversary.



BIG BEN - Back for a visit is Ben Angle, `51, second from right, with his wife, Chris, daughter Christy and her friend. Ben is a VMI graduate.

FROM NEW YORK - Joe Kristek, `63, and Shirley visit the campus from Endicott, New York.

25 YEARS AGO - Mr and Mrs. Ben Wheatley, `80.

OLD BELL - Sam Clegg, `60, r., presents to Foundation Chairman Goodloe Saunders the bell that once hung in the tower of what is now the AMA Alumni House/Museum.

STRATEGY SESSION - Newly elected AMA Alumni Association Board member Chris Meek, `84, talks with President Granger after the board meeting.

FROM 1943 - Thomas Southall, `43, and his family visit Alumni House.

Colonel Nicholson, `75, takes command of the 5th Marine Regiment

Larry Nicholson is back doing what he likes best. He is assuming command of the 5th Marine Regiment at Camp Pendleton, California and next spring will take that unit to Iraq where he was greviously wounded this past September.

Nicholson, the Regimental Commander of the AMA Corps of Cadets in 1974-75, was assigned to the 1st Marine Division in Iraq when he was wounded by a 122 mm rocket which caused the death of a Marine standing nearby. Nicholson was evacuated to the U.S. Army Landsthul Hospital in Germany before being flown back to the Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland for a series of surgeries.

"We have three Marine infantry regiments at Camp Pendleton," he says, *"plus three at Camp Lejeune, one in Hawaii and one on Okinawa. My regiment is being readied for deployment to the `sand box' in the Spring of `06, and we will be very busy this Fall getting ready for that assignment."*

This past Spring, Colonel Nicholson asked AMA alumni and friends to send parcels to the troops in the 1st Division still deployed to Iraq. Some of you had your parcels returned because the address was incorrect, and the corrected address is below. Nicholson asks that the following items be sent to his Marines: music CDs, Lifesavers, long distance telephone cards, Gummy Bears, playing cards, any non-melting candy, and Skoal or Copenhagen. Larry says it is particularly important that you enclose a note with your package telling the Marines that you are *"proud of them and the job they are doing protecting our country."*

Colonel Larry Nicholson, Regimental Commander, Corps of Cadets, 1975

Larry and his wife, Debbie, were able to attend Reunion 2005 and to celebrate the 30th anniversary of his graduation from AMA. After Augusta, he attended The Citadel and after being commissioned had assignments as a platoon leader, company commander, a tour as an instructor at the Naval Academy, a student at the Command and General Staff College, executive officer of the 2nd Light Armored Recon Battalion and Division Operations Officer for the 2nd Marine Division. You can e-mail him at: nicholsonld@yahoo.com

The correct address for the parcels which <u>should be mailed by 15 August:</u>

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